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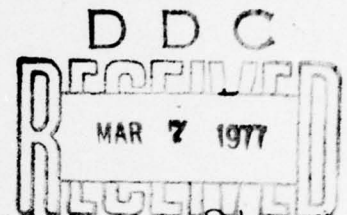
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ABSTRACT

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The basic data that have been reduced to analyzable form as of 15 February 1961 and figures showing velocity structure, ambient noise, spectra of received charges, and acoustic energy level versus range are presented.

INTRODUCTION

Sound propagation measurements using explosives as sound sources were made in the western Arctic Ocean during the summers of 1958 and 1959. The sound transmission experiments were carried on at ice stations Alpha and Bravo (T-3) during 1958, and Charlie and Bravo (T-3) during 1959 (see Fig. 1 and refer (a)). Inter-station propagation measurements were carried out both years, but only those from 1958 have been analyzed. In 1958 signals from 1/2 lb. charges of TNT detonated at 50-foot depth by the USS BURTON ISLAND were also received at T-3. During August and September of 1959 a P2V aircraft made six flights over the Arctic Ocean making acoustic transmission runs while both ice stations were operating as receiving stations. In this way nearly all of the Beaufort Sea and neighboring parts of the Arctic Ocean were investigated acoustically. Fig. 2 shows the locations of the tracks of the six flights and locations of the charges dropped.

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While the acoustic experiments were carried out, positions of the ice stations were determined by sun lines. The positions of the dropped practice depth charges were supplied by the aircraft. At the ice stations hydrographic stations were taken at more or less regular intervals as well as measurements of water depth. The accuracy of the ranges in the figures is considered to be $\pm 5\%$ or better.

The explosive sounds were received on a DT-98 hydrophone, amplified and recorded broadband on a dual channel Magnecorder. During 1959 many of the signals were recorded in the FM mode also. The signals were also recorded on a dual channel paper recorder vs. GMT time.

DATA PROCESSING

The magnetic tape recordings of signals from explosives were processed by passing the broadband signals through a set of logit filters. Each filter output was detected by a square law detector and integrated over the time during which the signal arrived. The result is proportional to $\int p^2 dt$.

The ambient noise was processed on the 11 channel data reader (reference (b)). The reader would average one second samples at a sampling rate of two seconds. Any given ambient noise sample covered a period of 1 to 2 minutes. The ambient noise spectra that show very quiet conditions may represent electronic system noise, therefore some caution should be used in the interpretation.

The paper recordings of the charge detonations and signals received were of such accuracy to permit the determination of the travel time between the ice stations to within an accuracy of $\pm .25$ sec. during the 1958 experiment. The range between the two stations and the range to a detonated charge from a P2V run were obtained by measuring the distances between the two plotted points on a transverse Mercator projection of the polar area. The temperature, salinity, and depth information from the hydrographic stations were converted to velocity profiles with Kuwahara's tables and formulas (references (c) and (d)).

CONCLUSION

This report presents all basic data so far reduced and analyzed from the Arctic Project as of 15 February 1961. Partial analyses of these data appear in references (e), (f) and (g).

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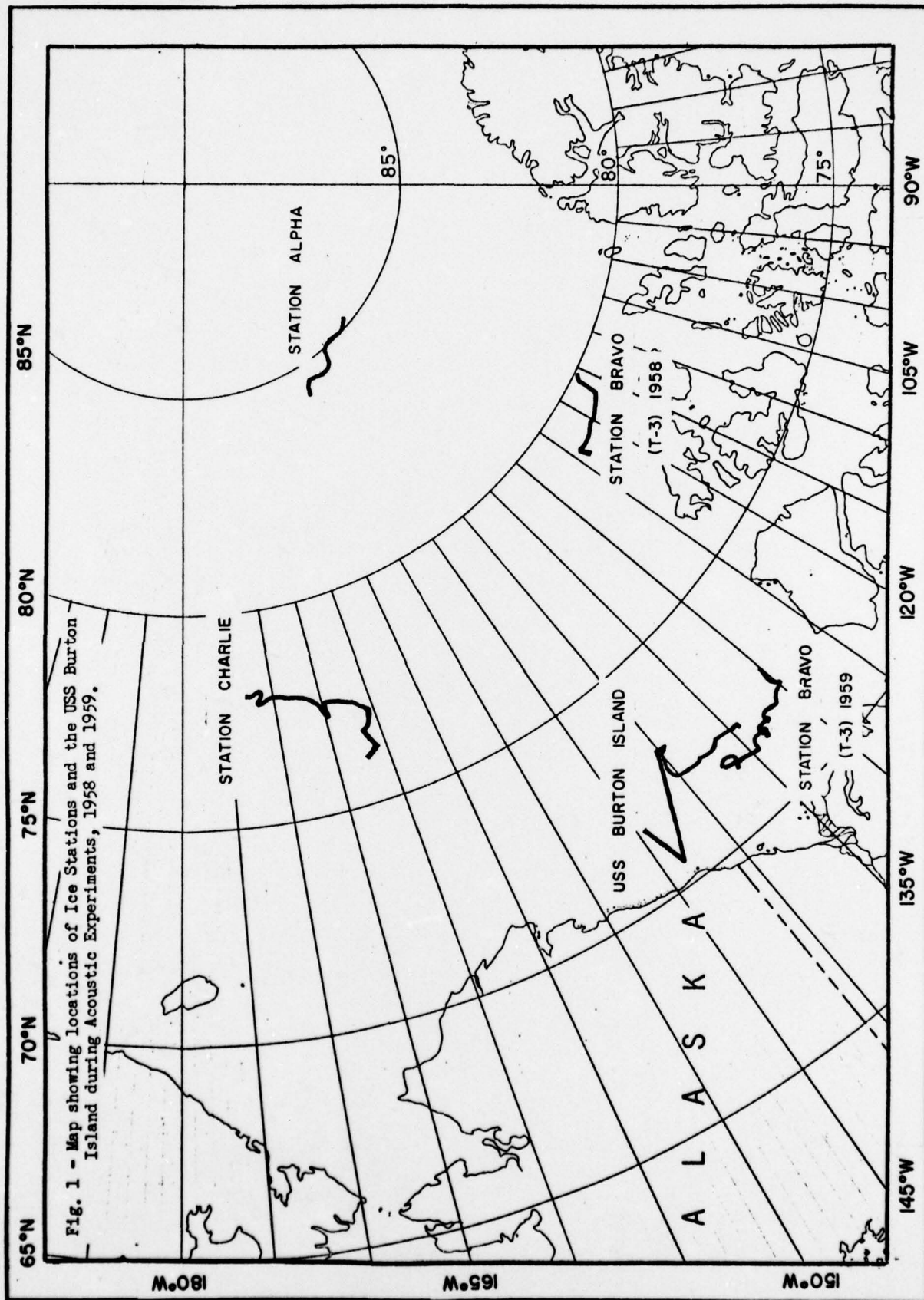
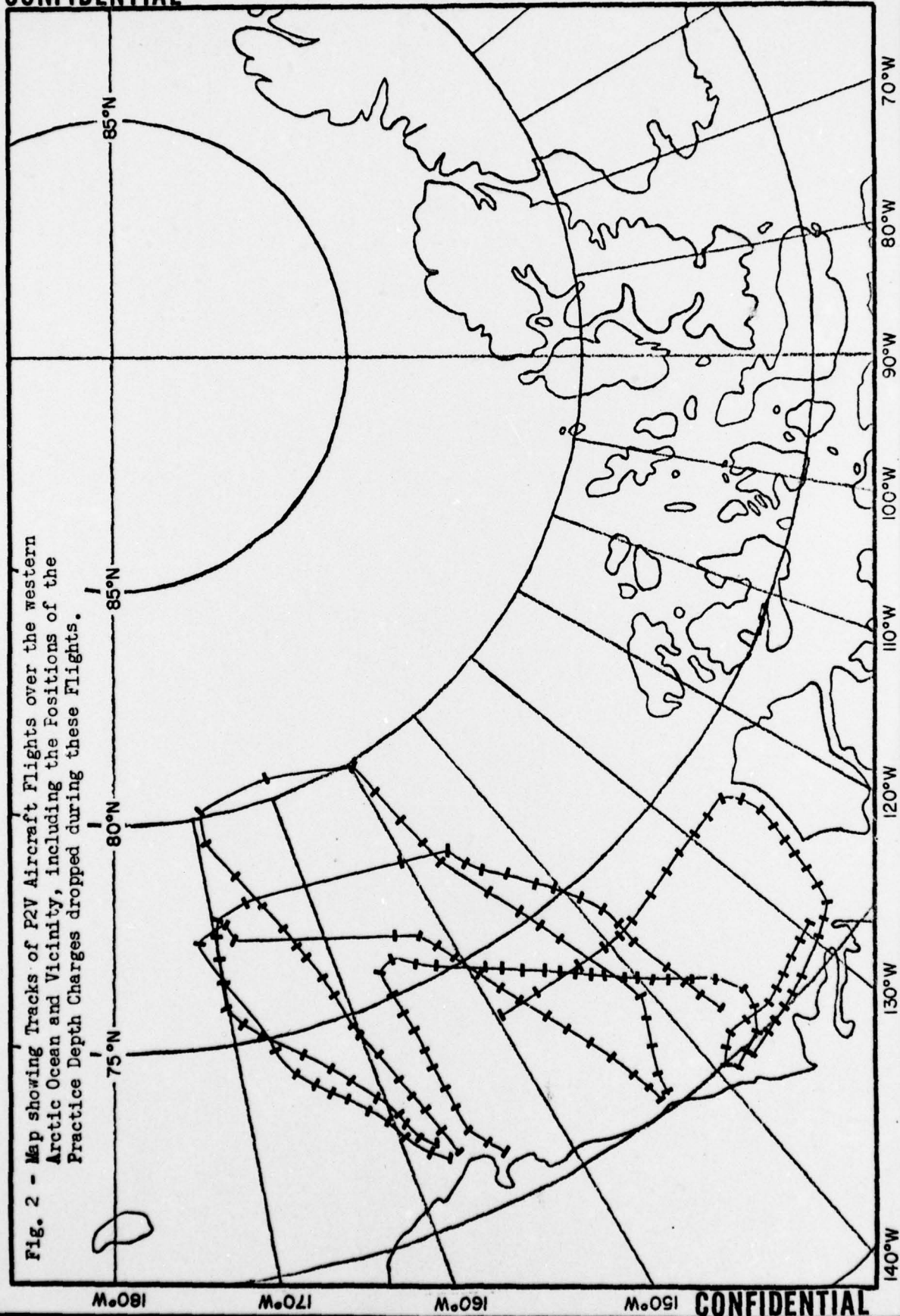


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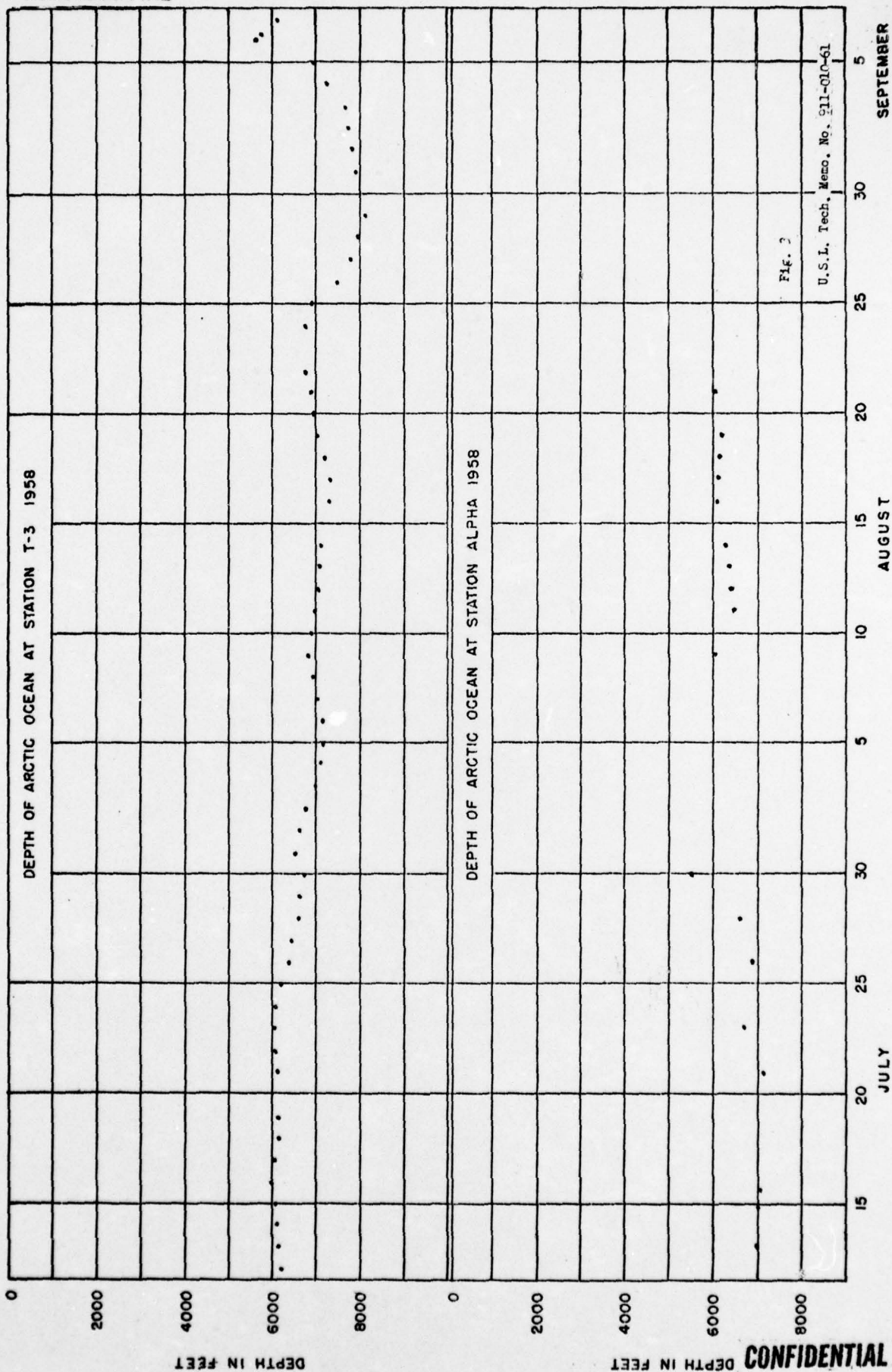
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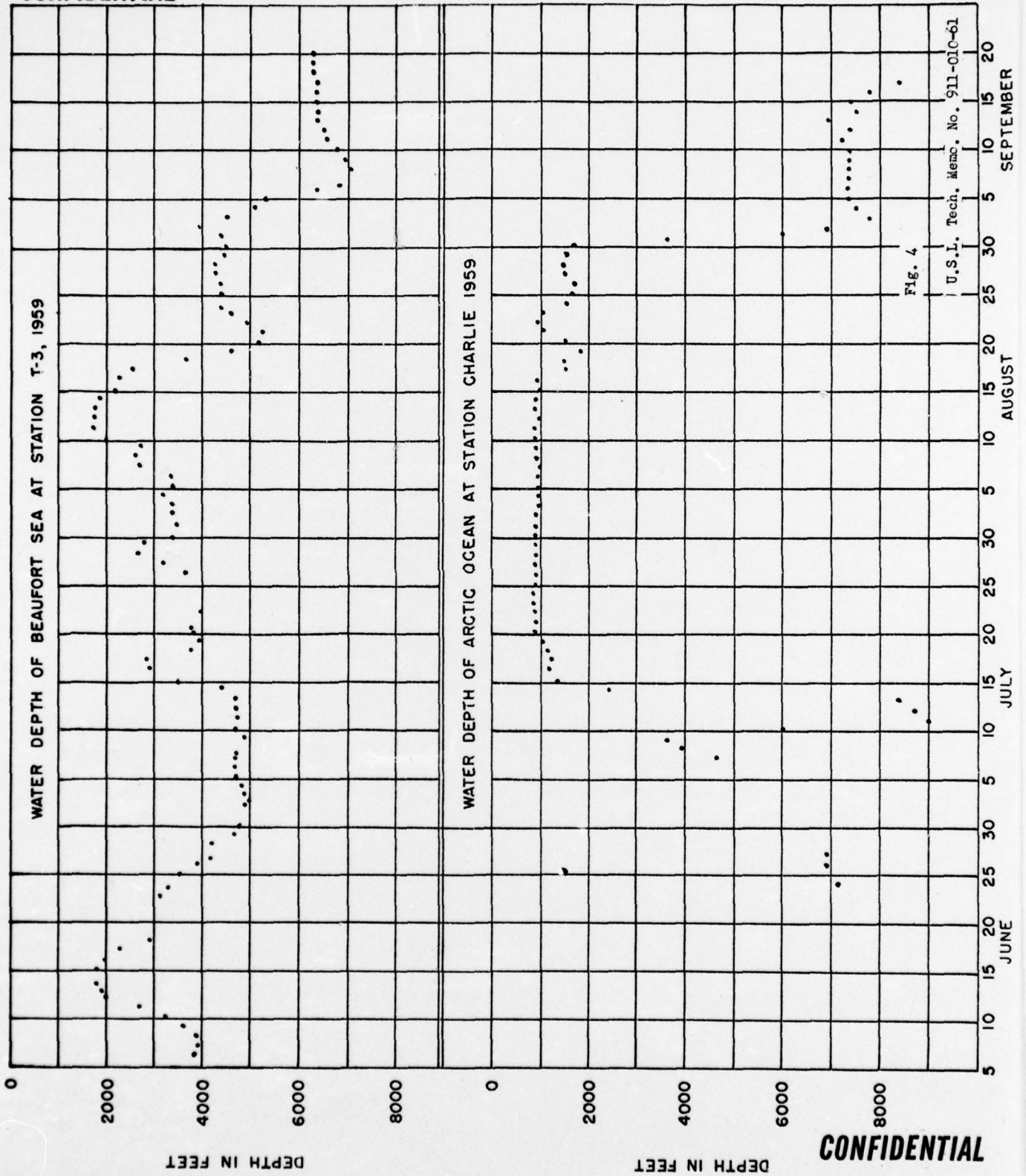
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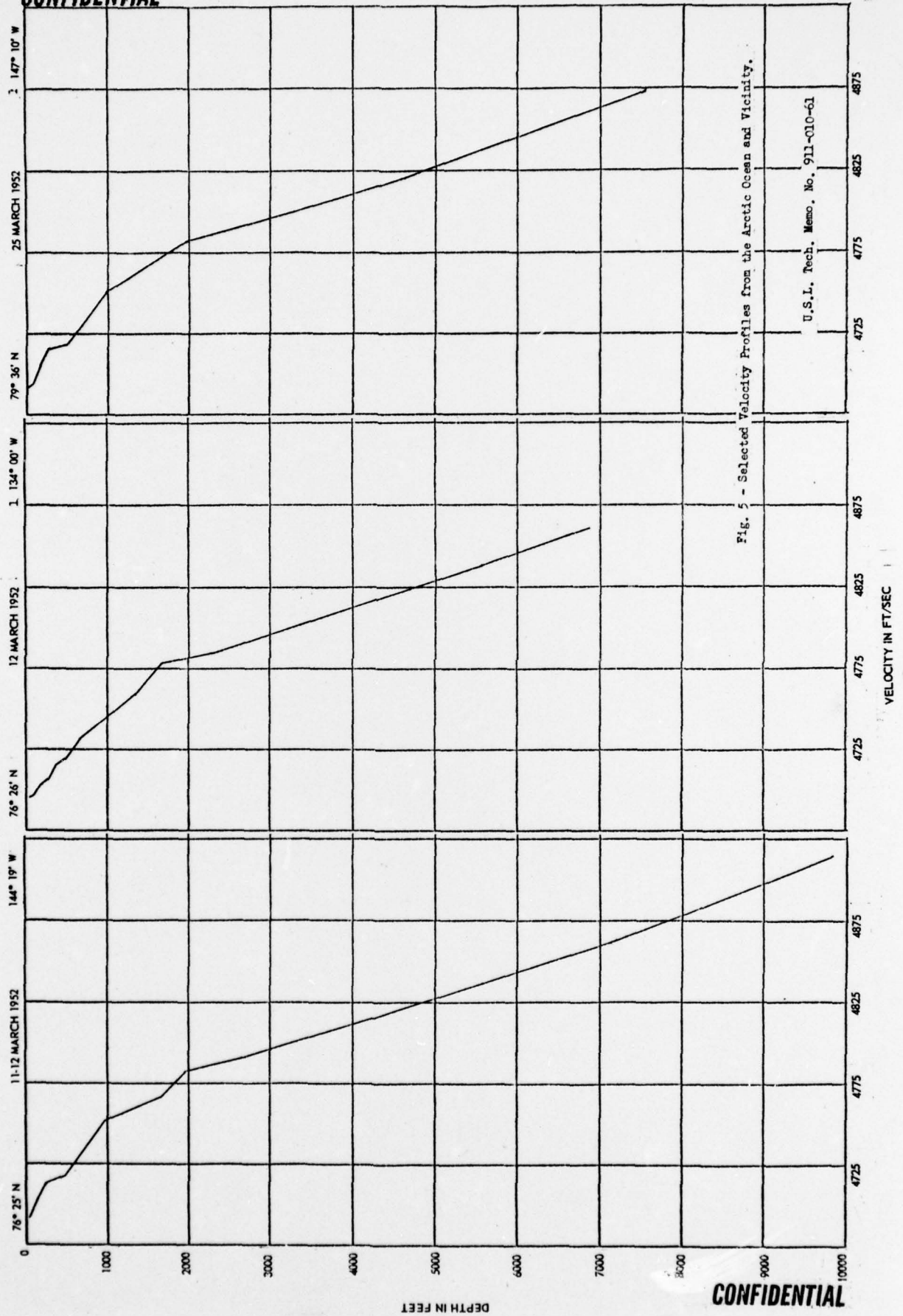
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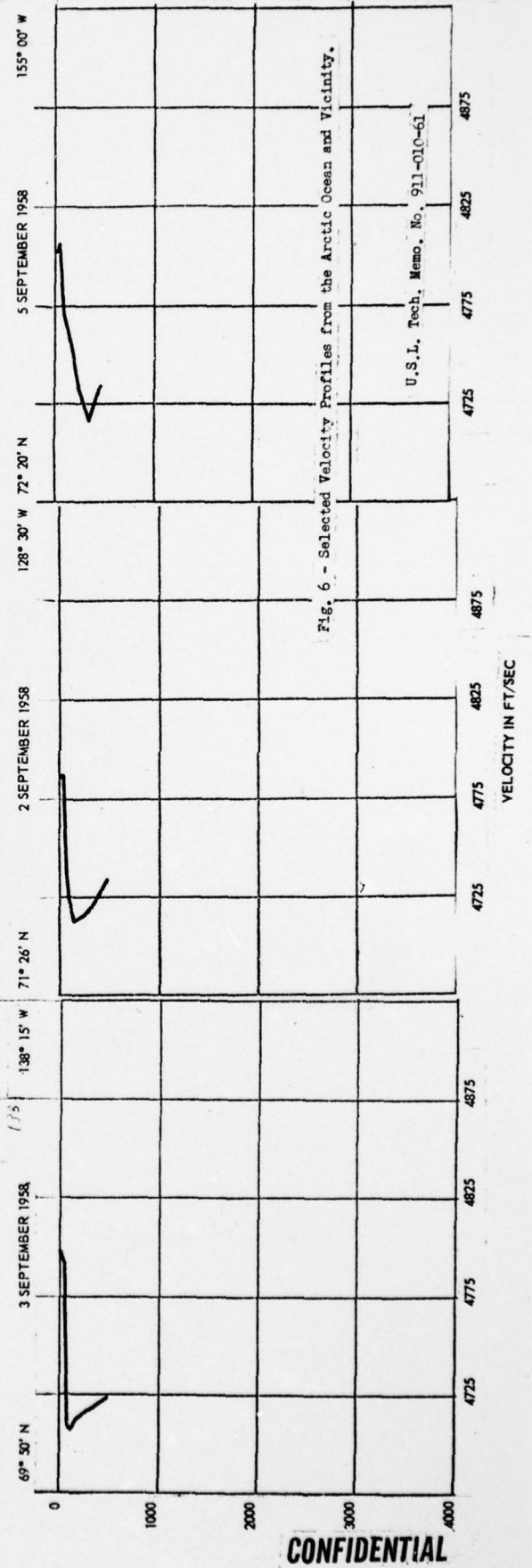
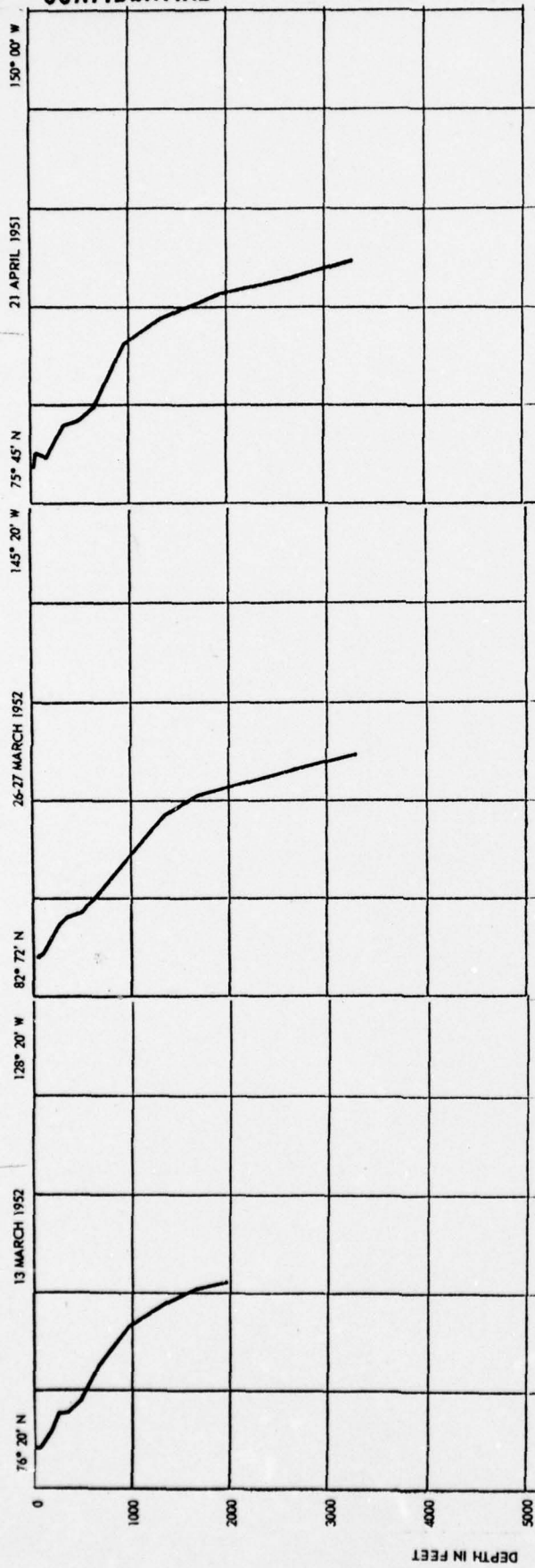


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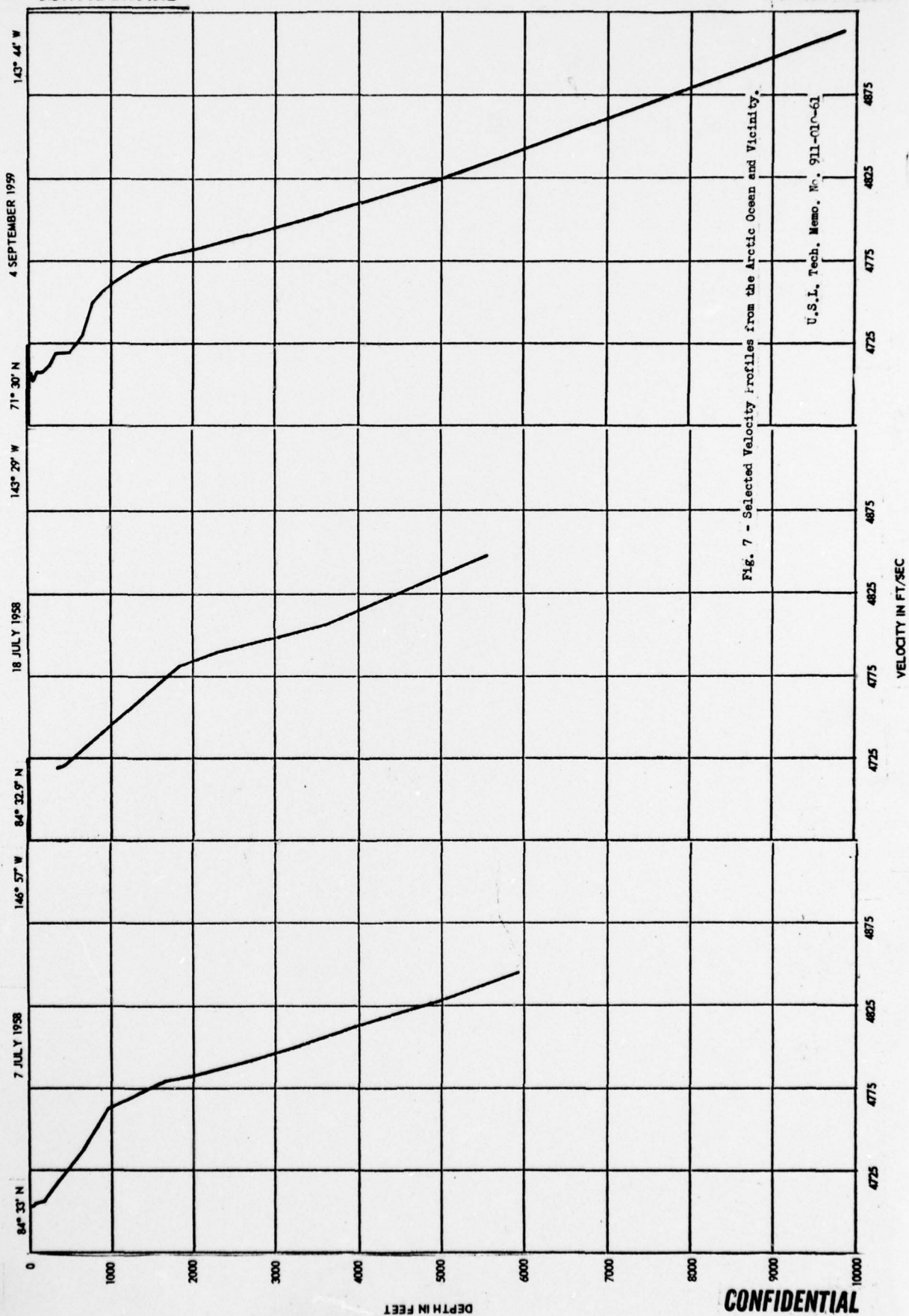
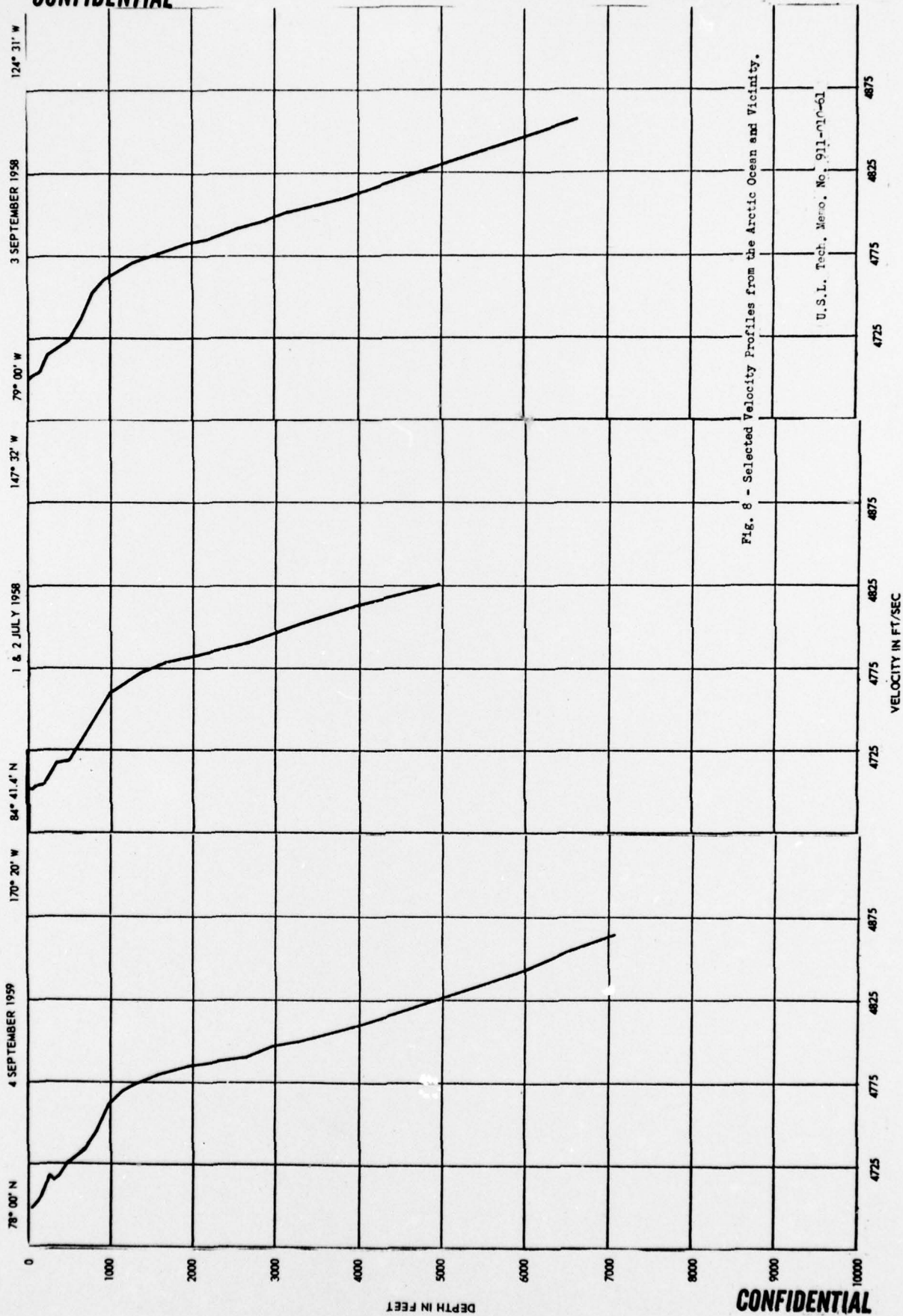


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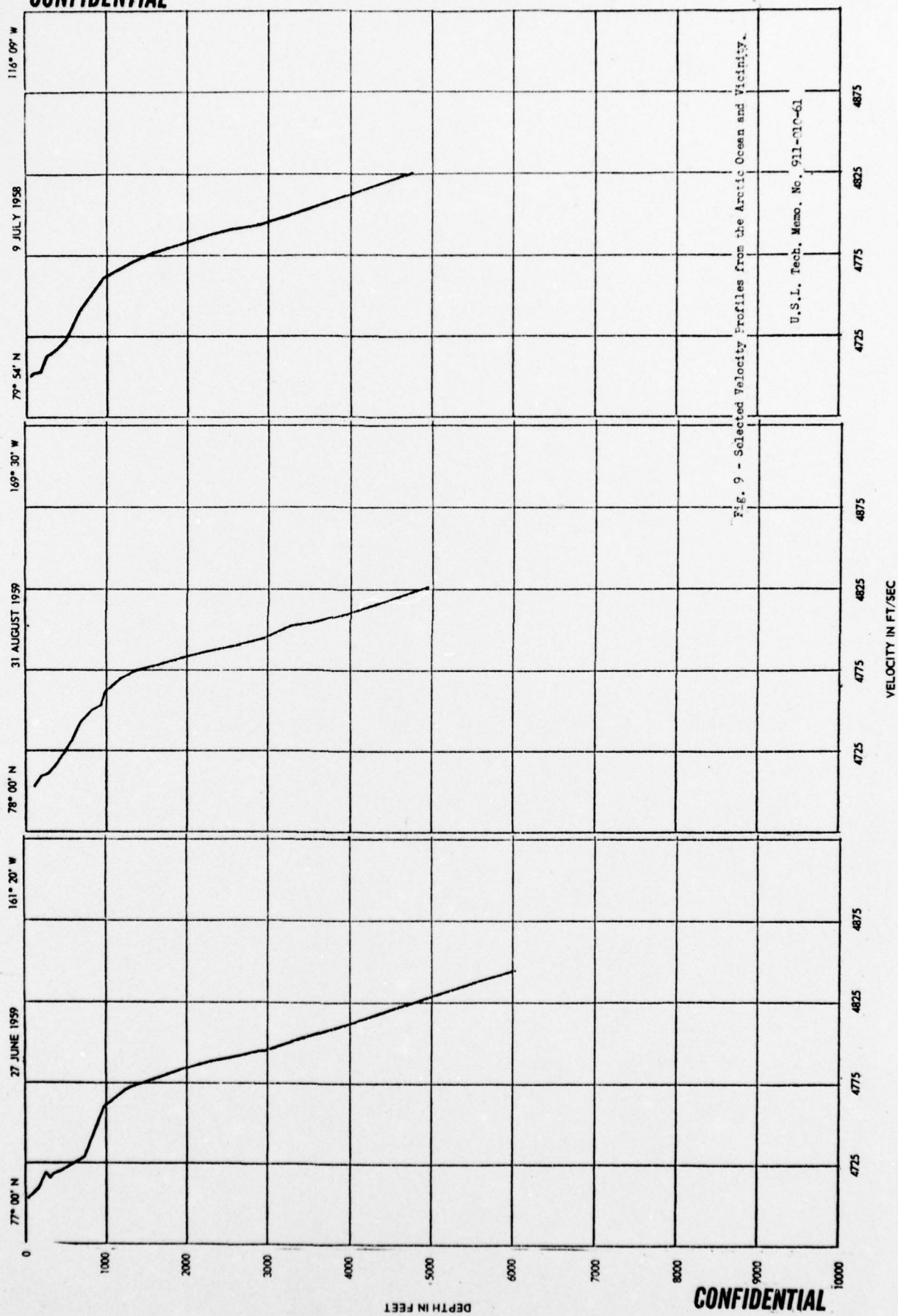
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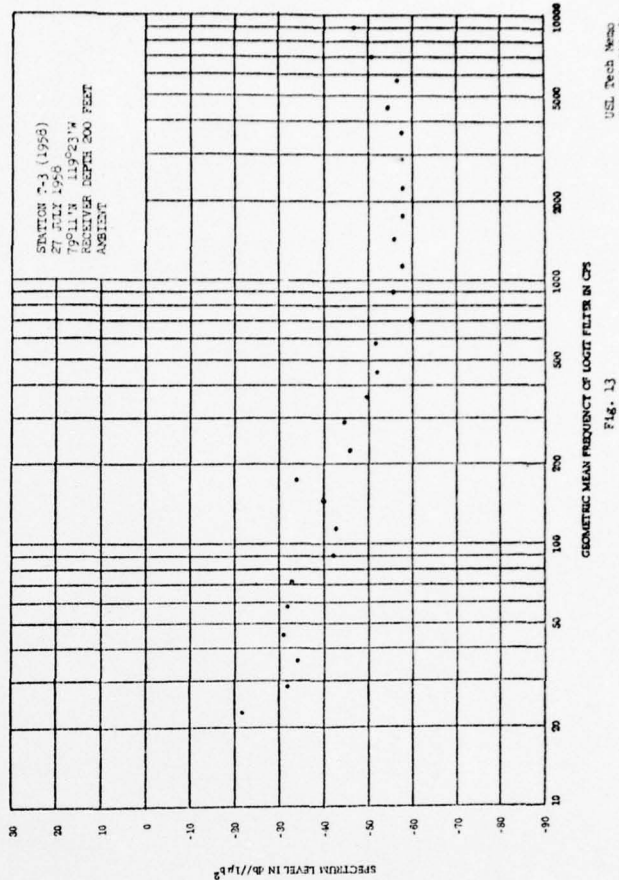
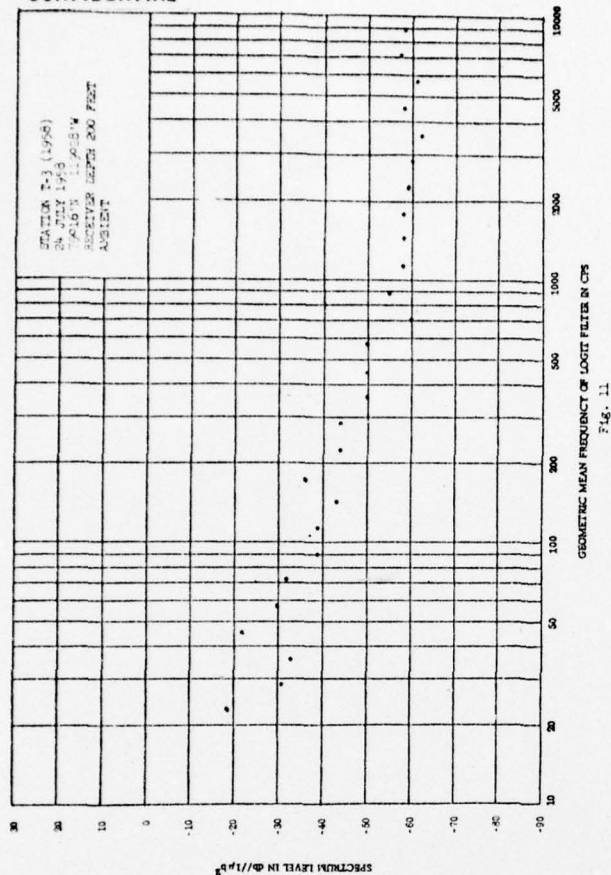


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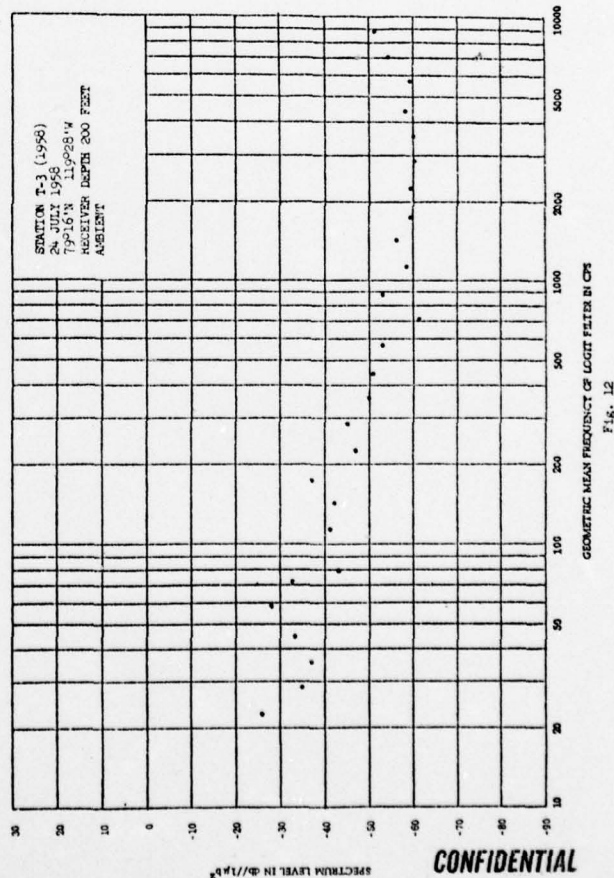
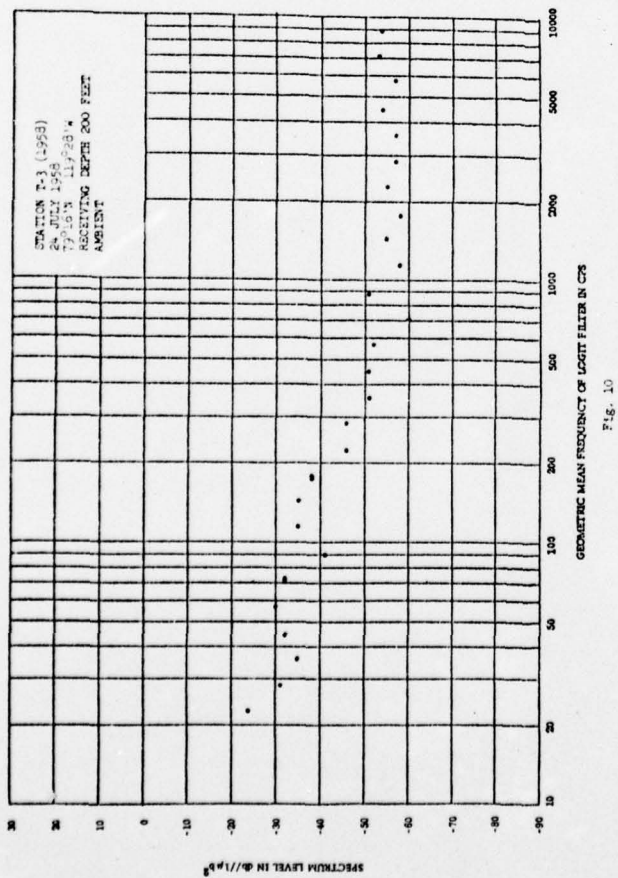
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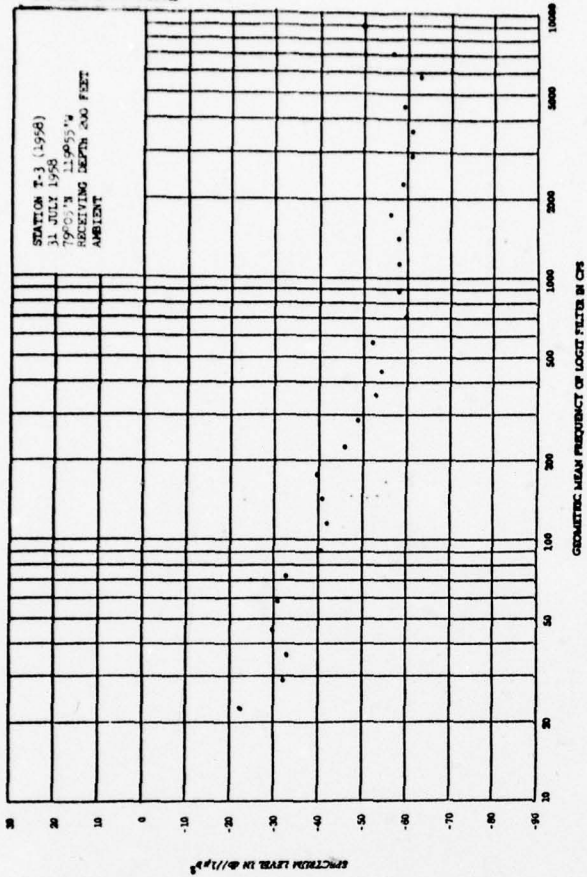
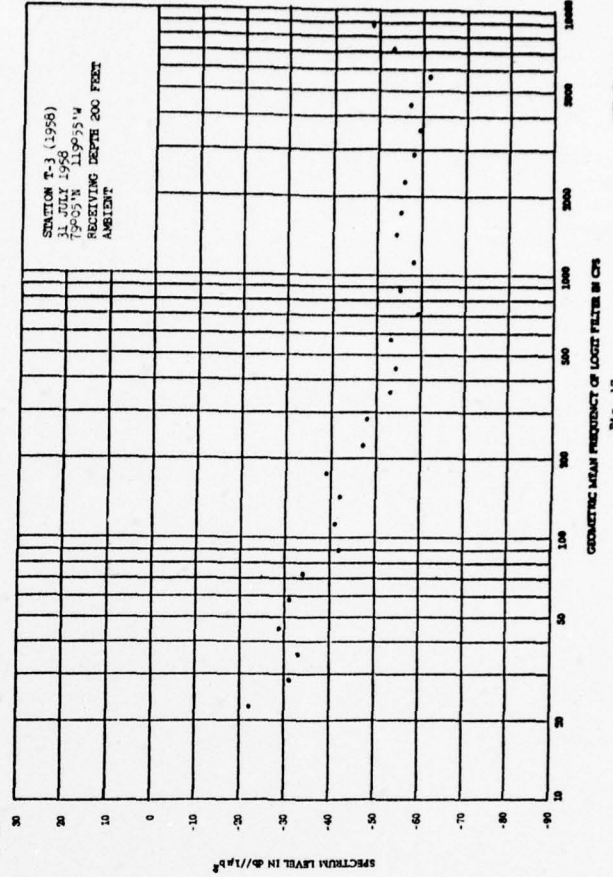


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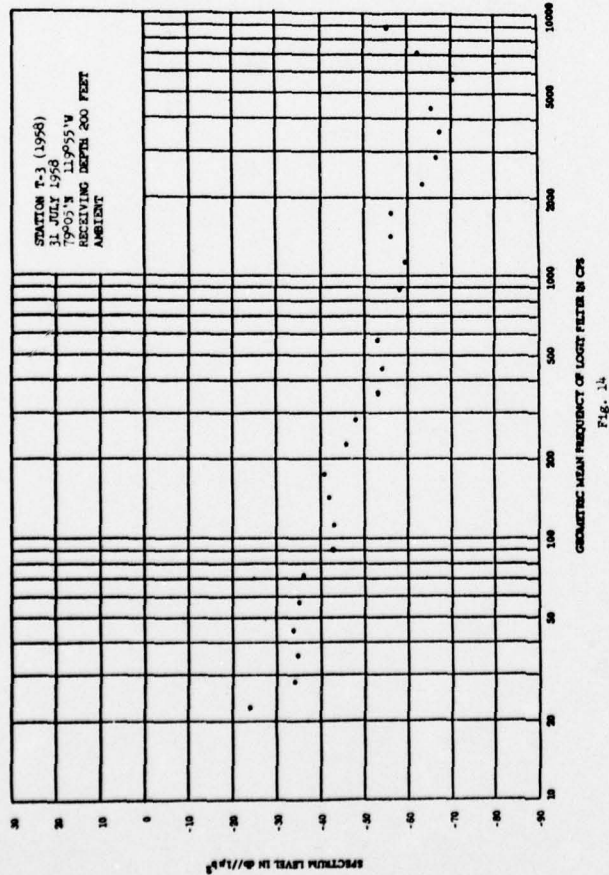


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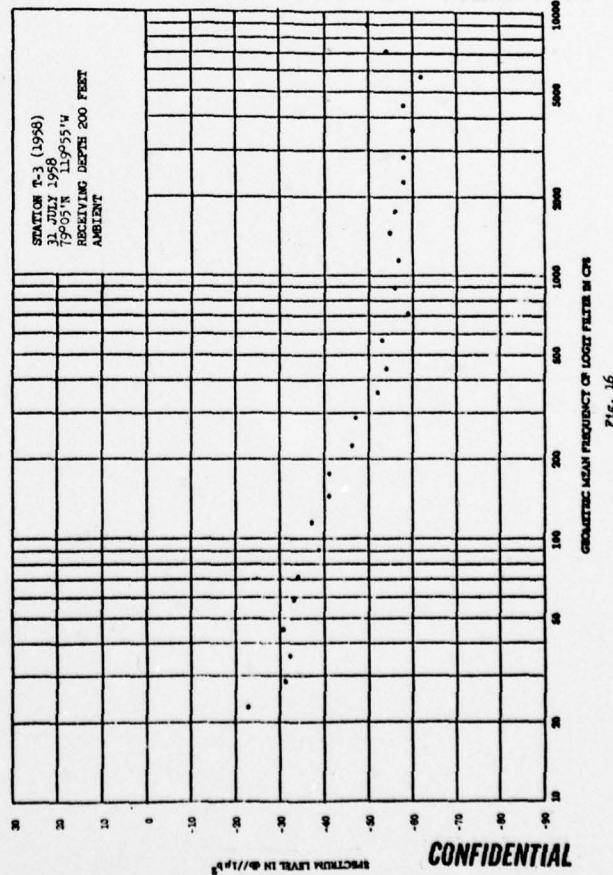
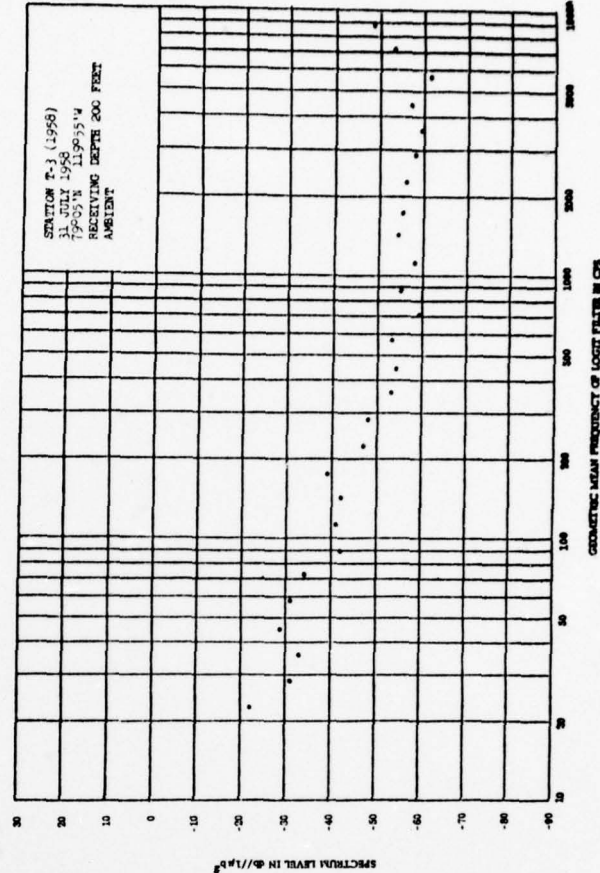
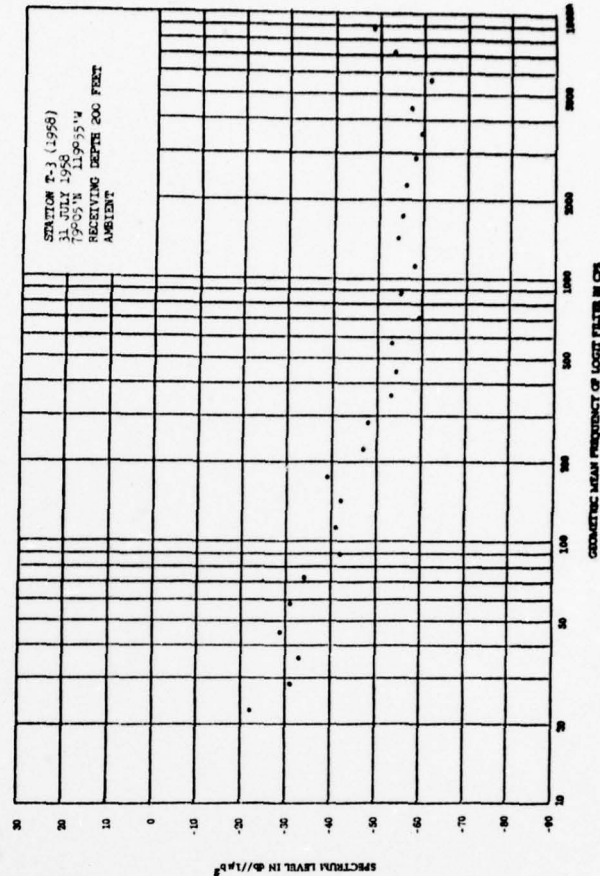
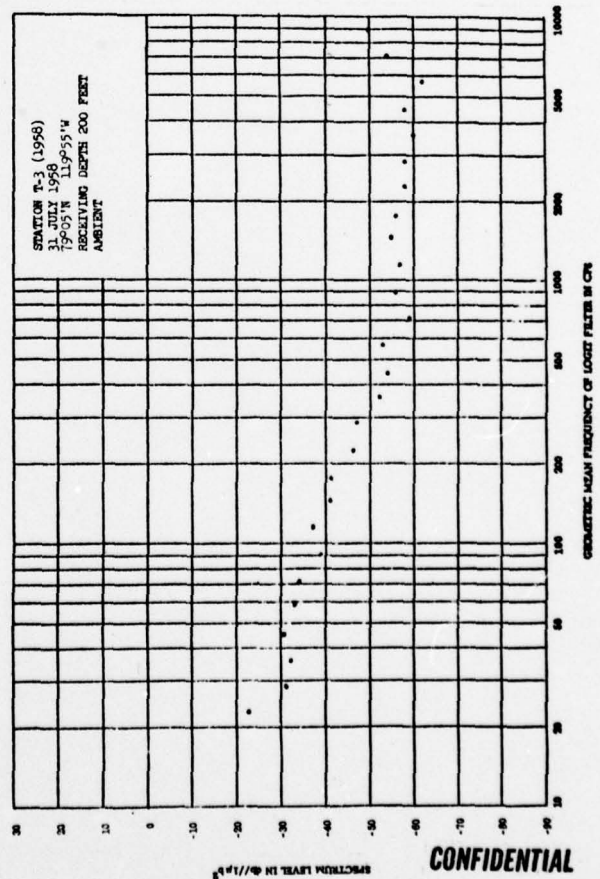
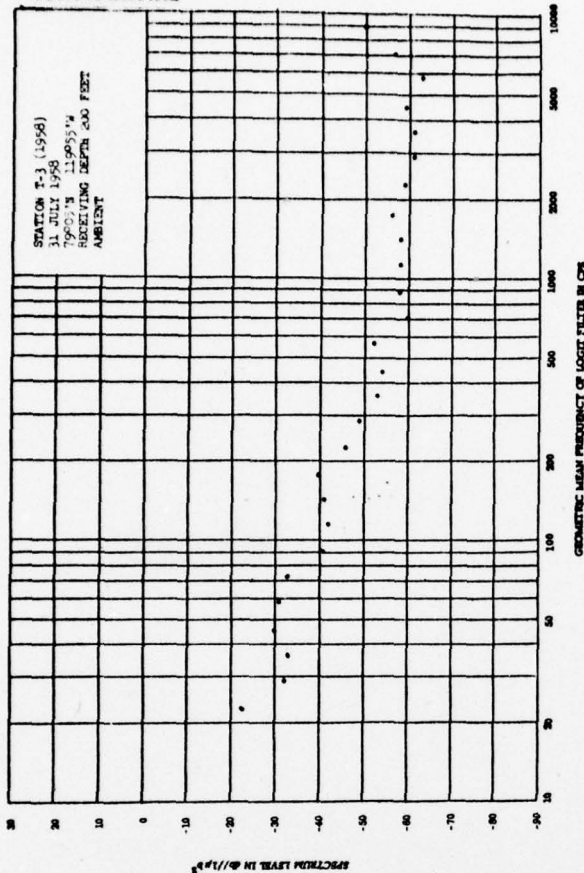


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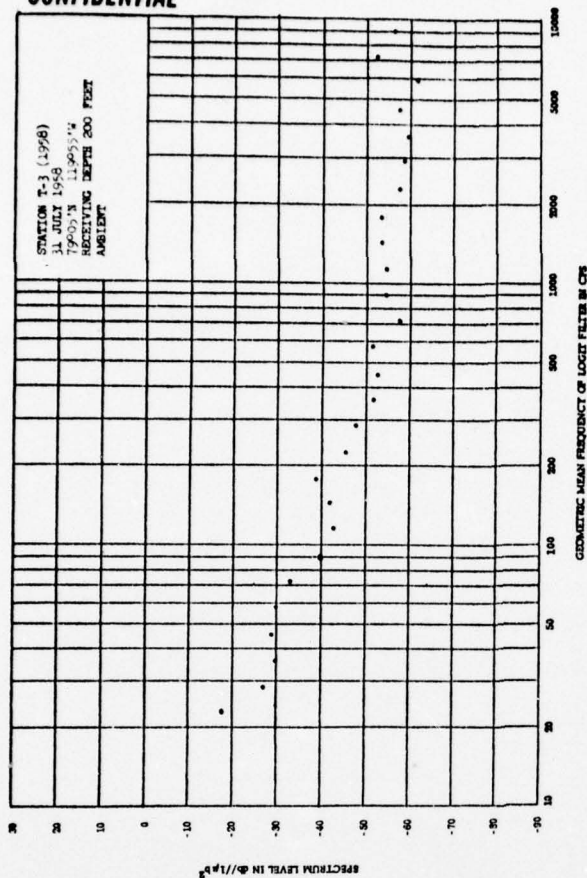


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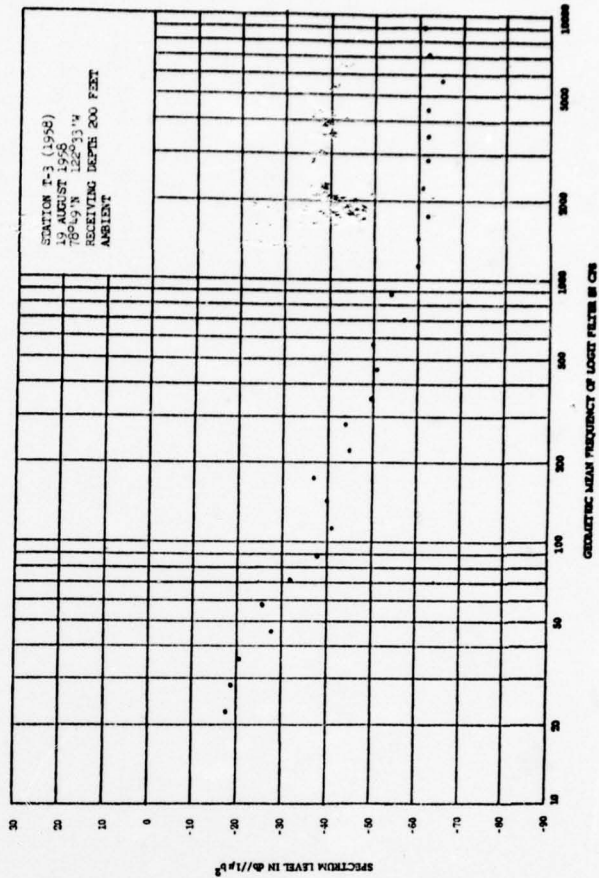


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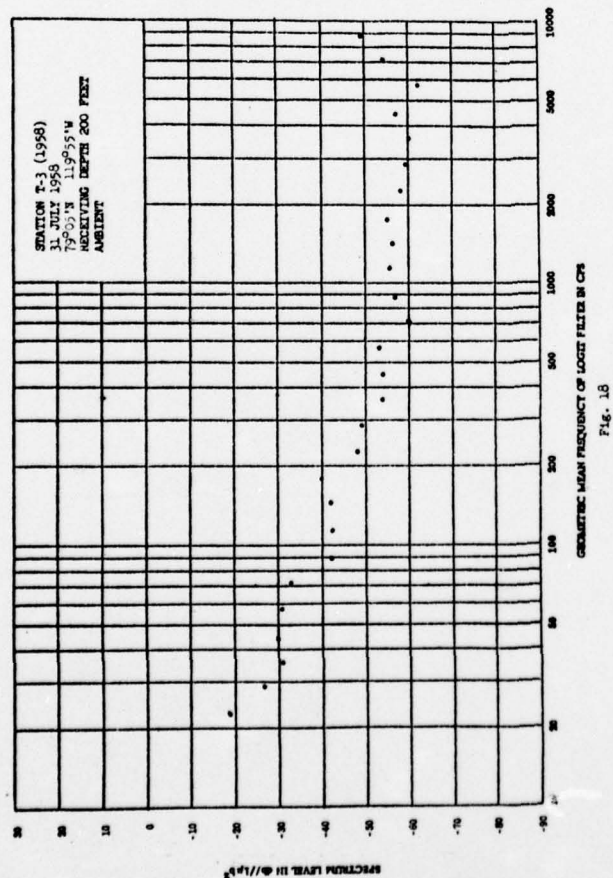


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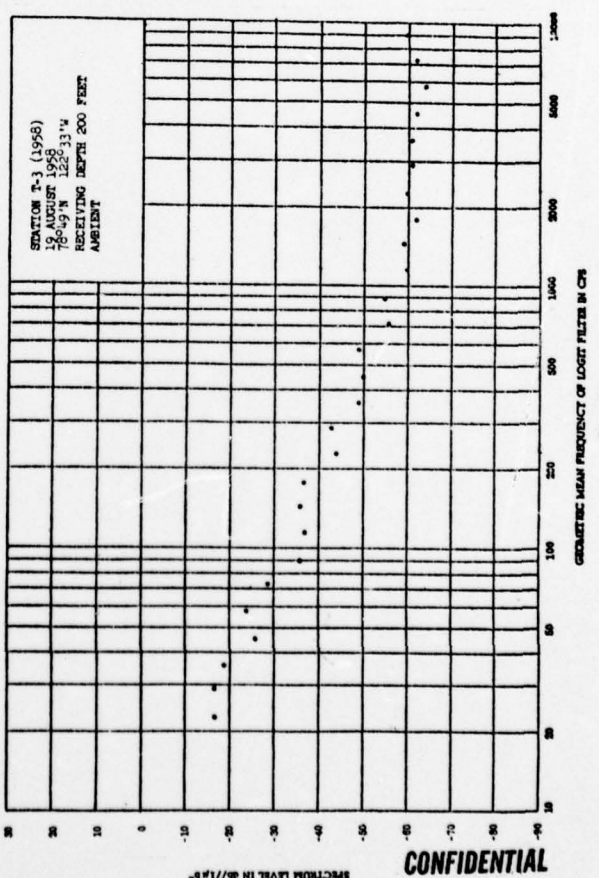
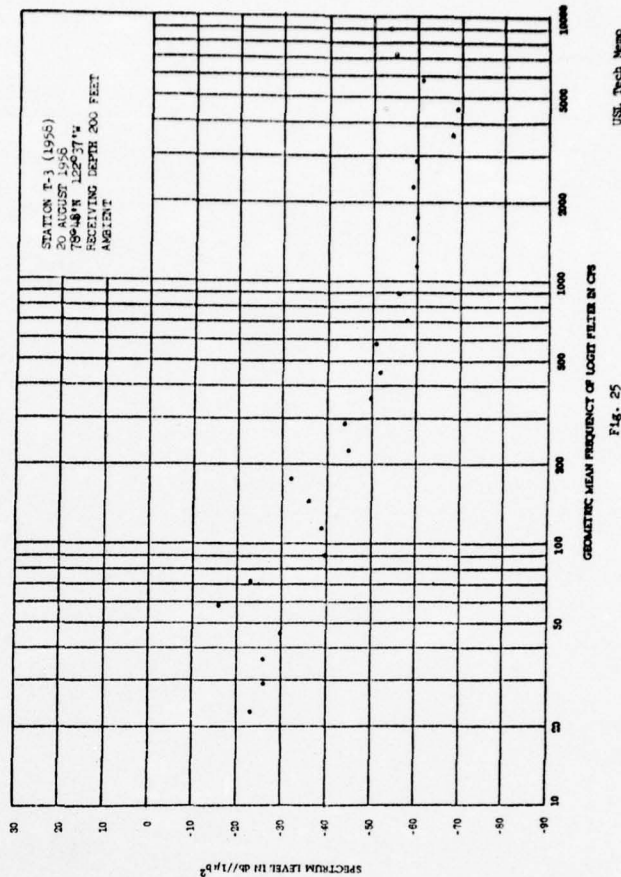
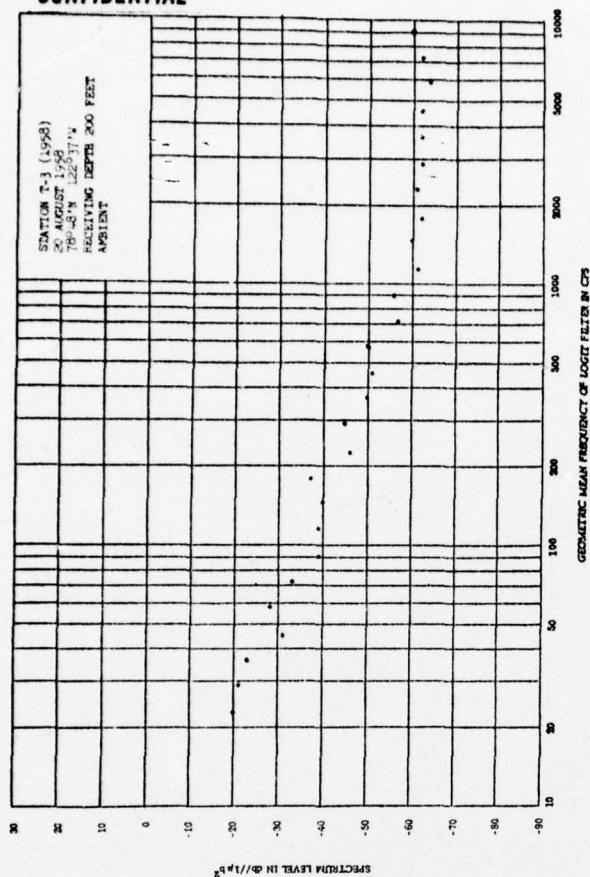


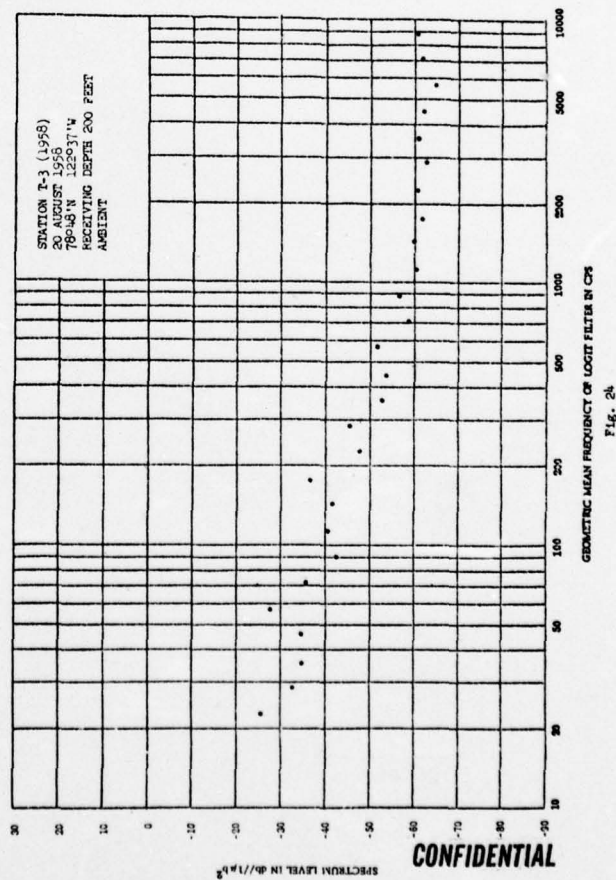
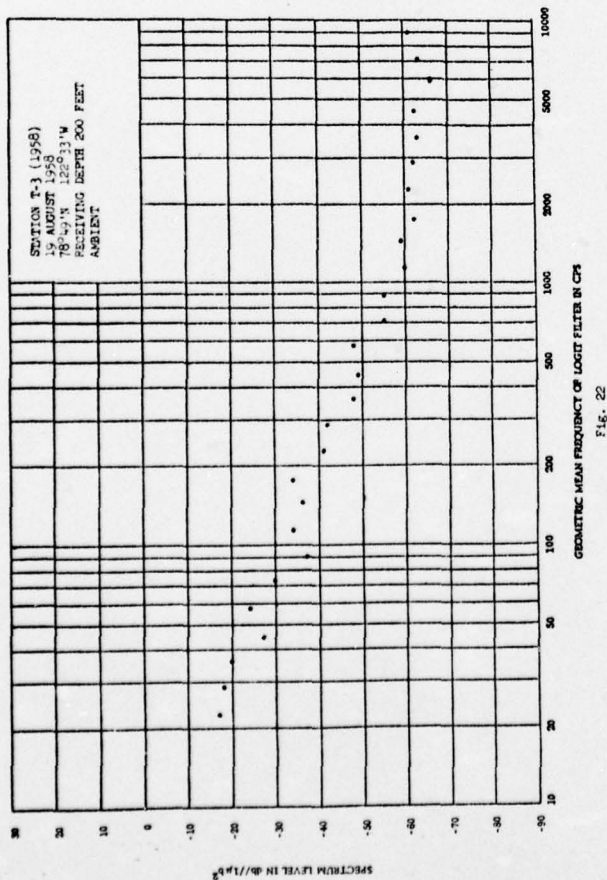
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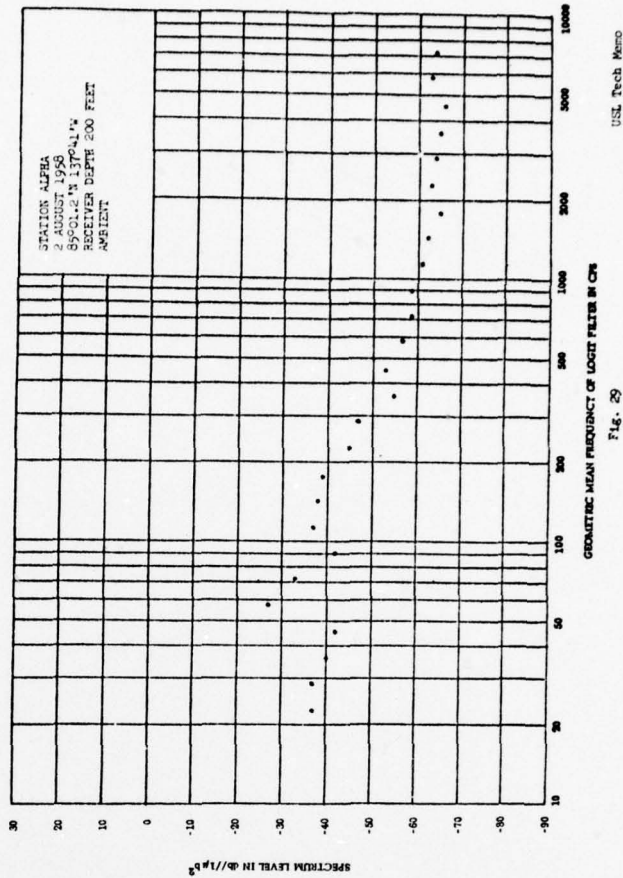
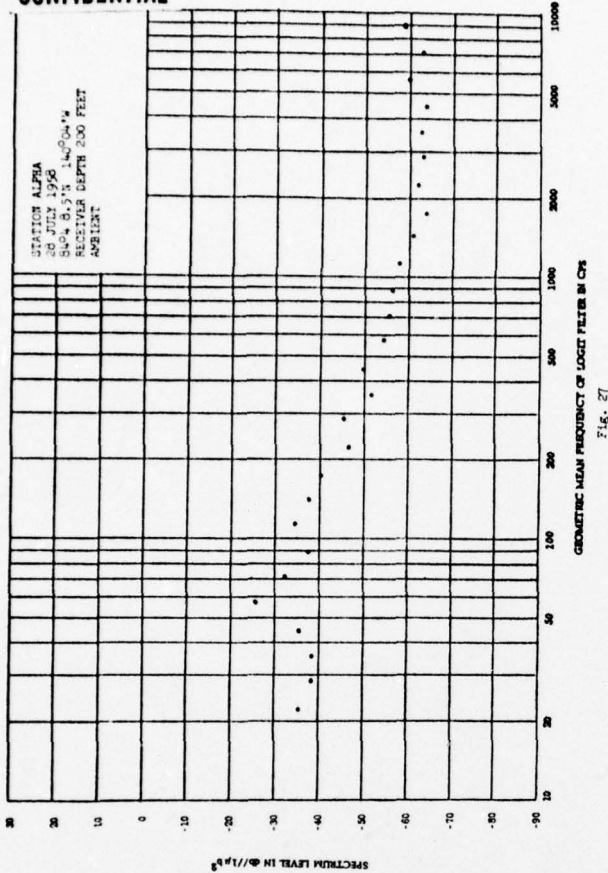


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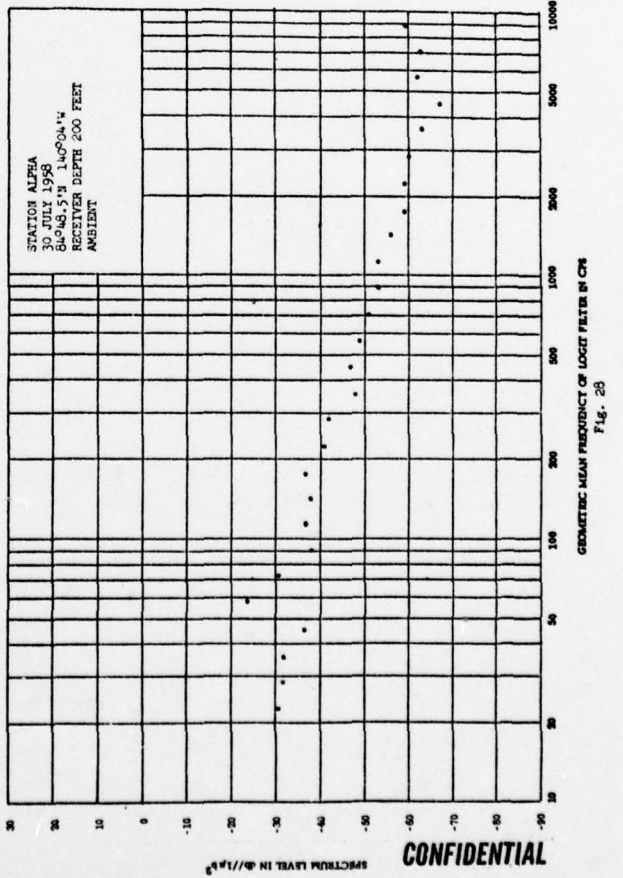
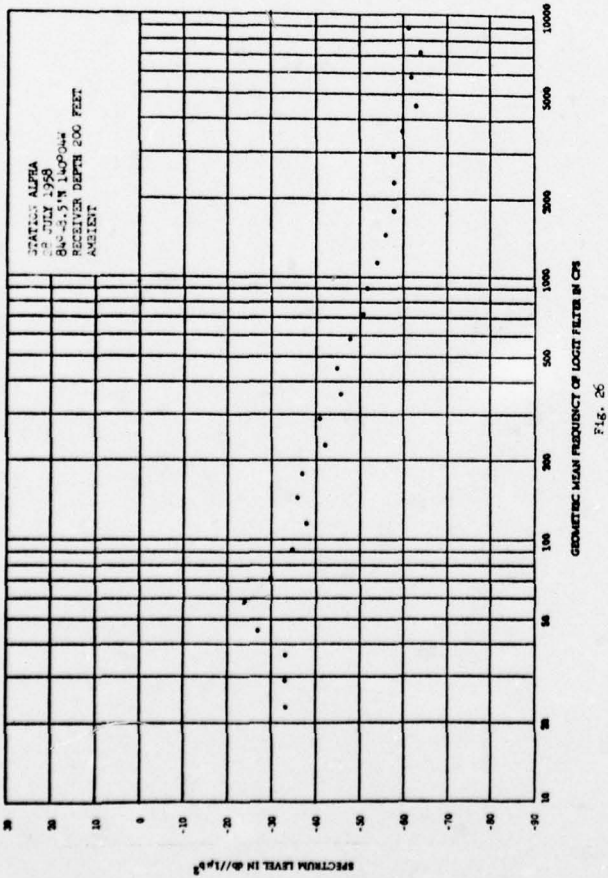


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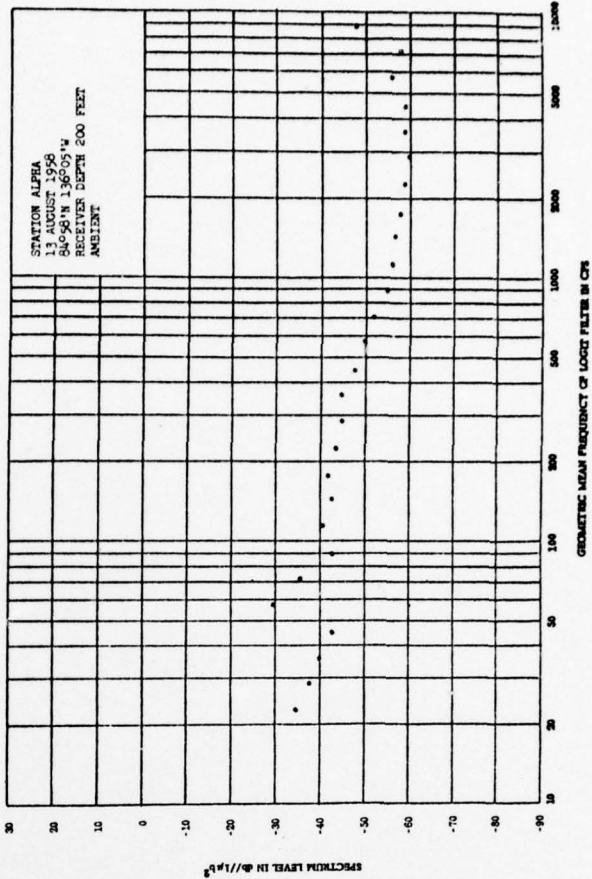
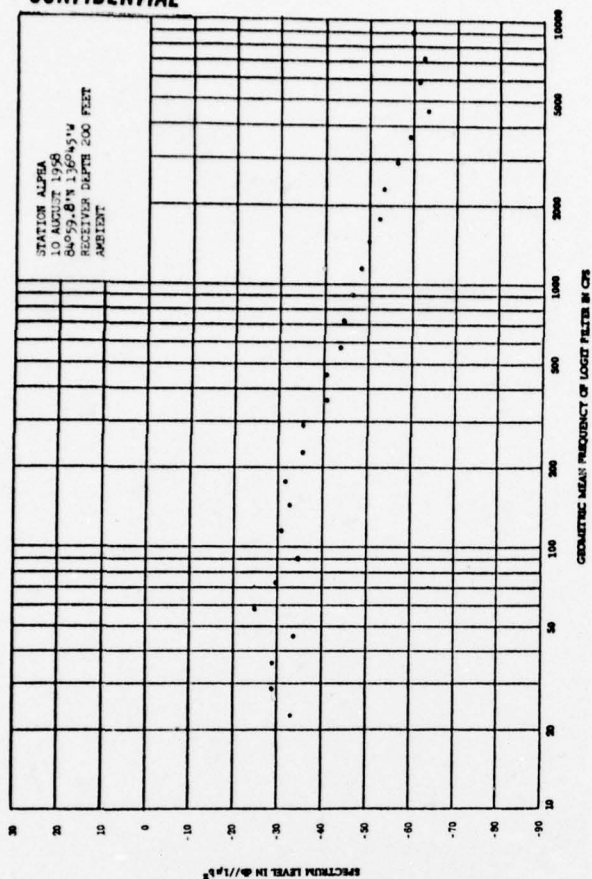


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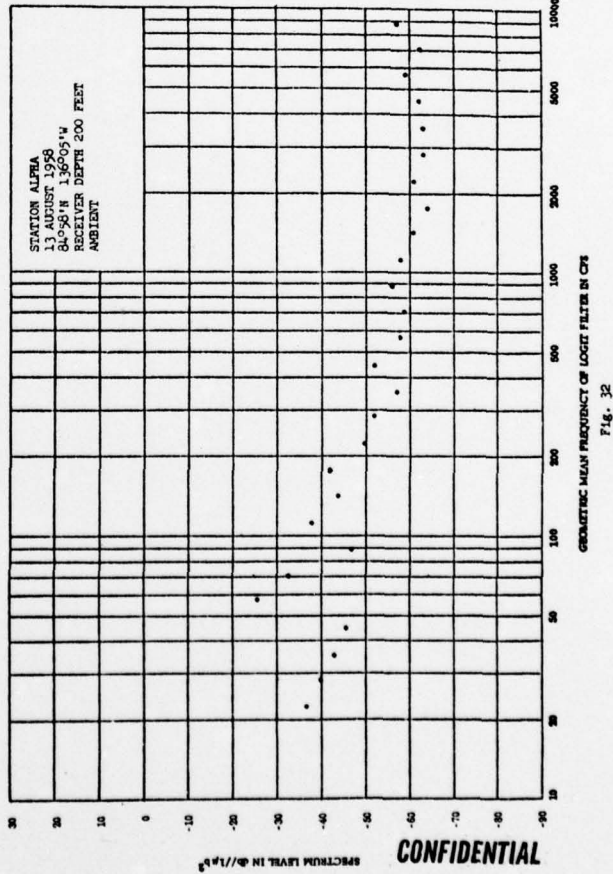
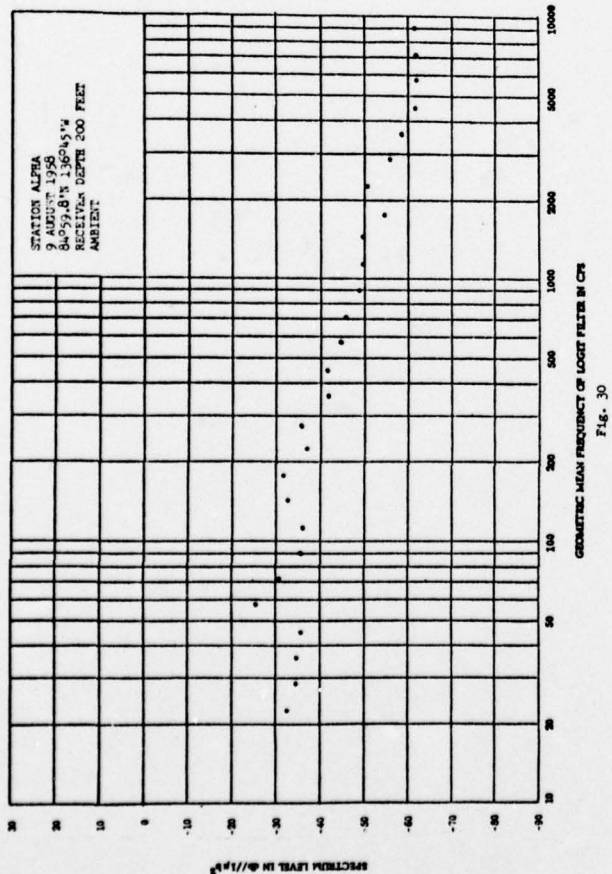


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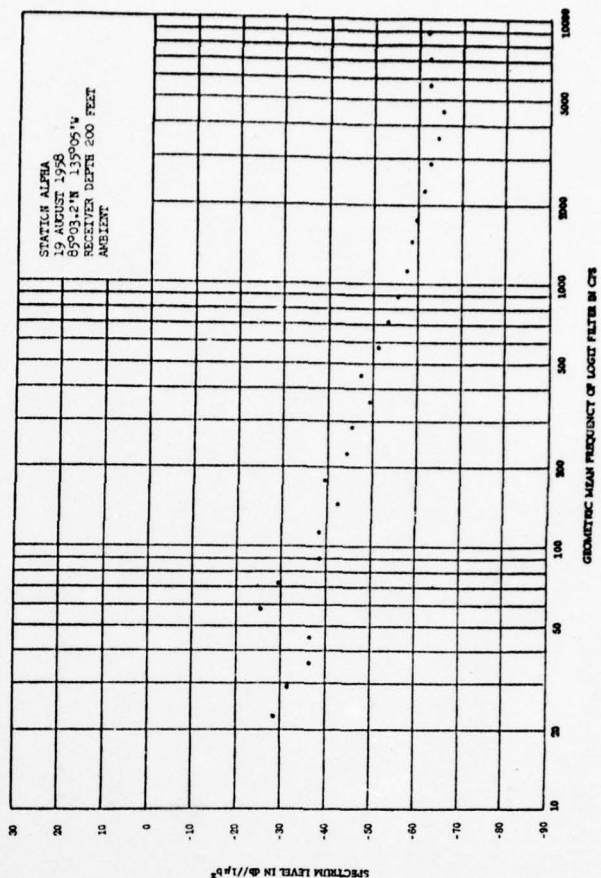
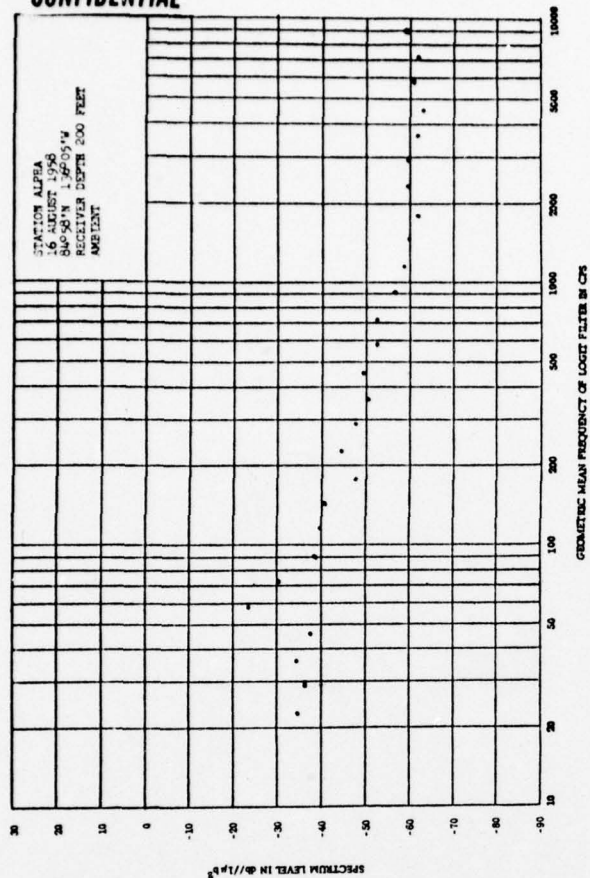


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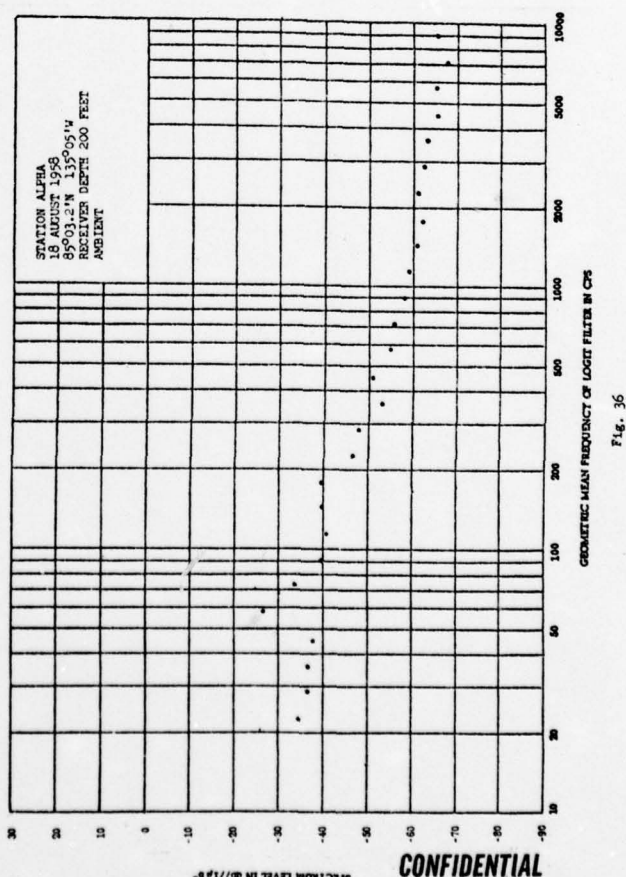
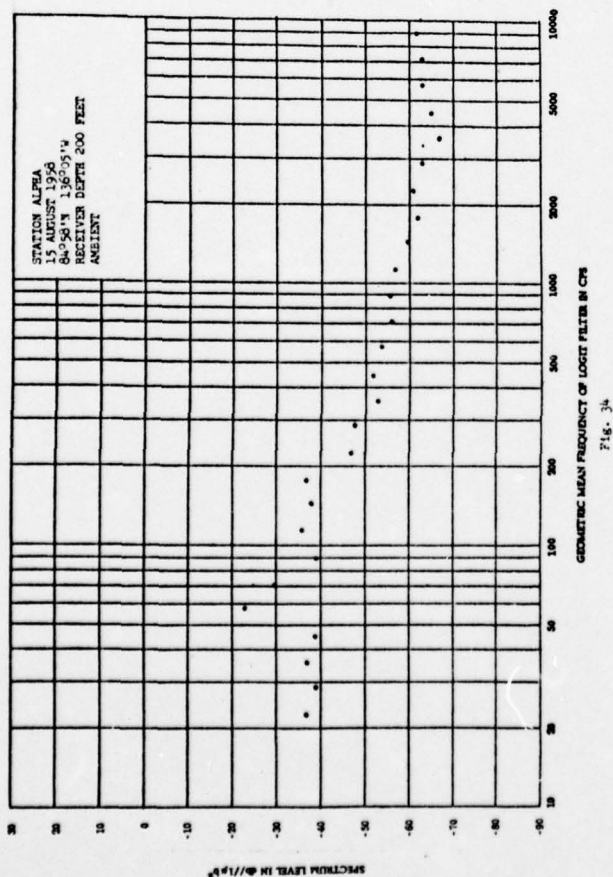


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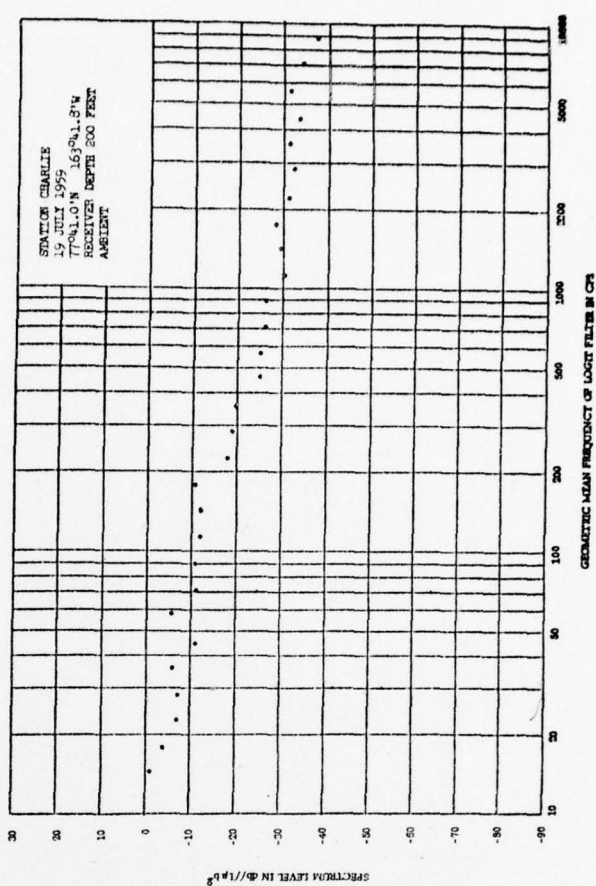
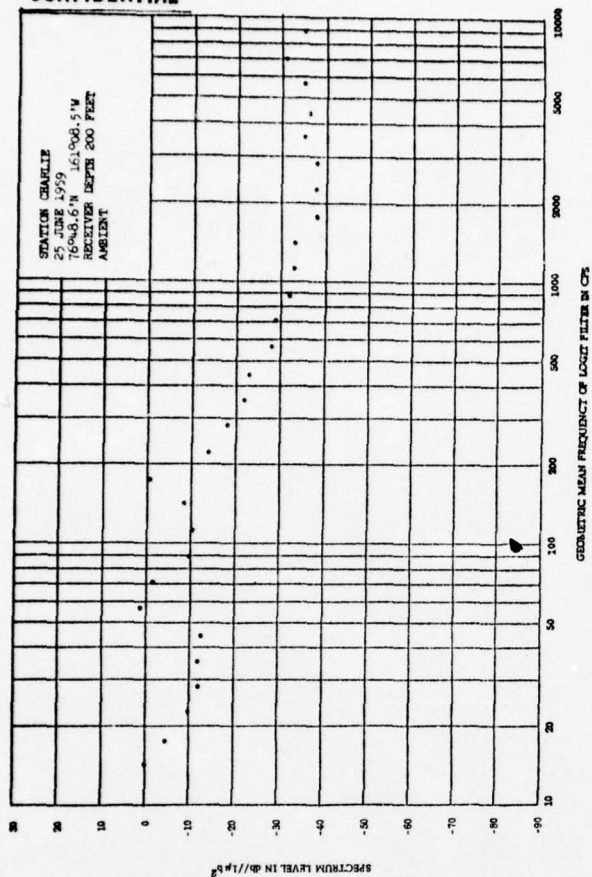


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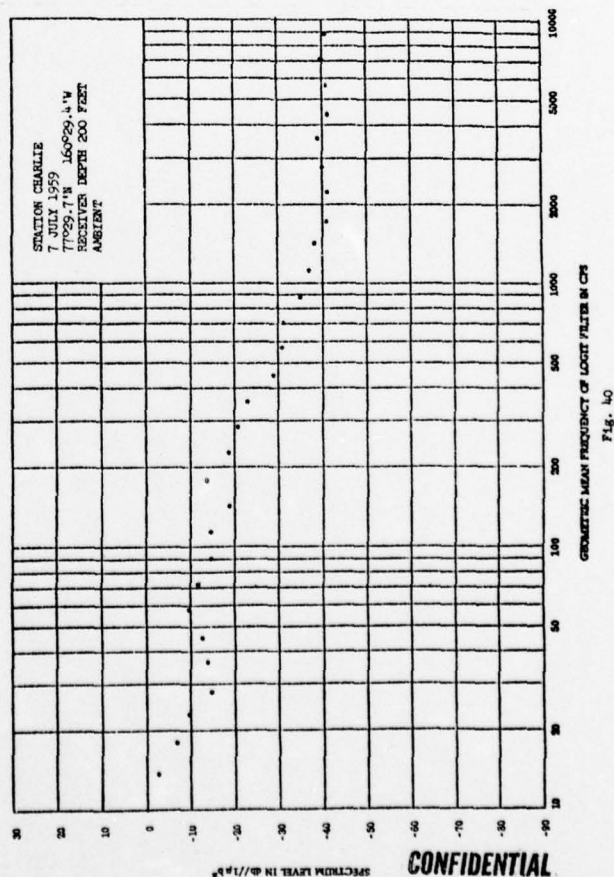
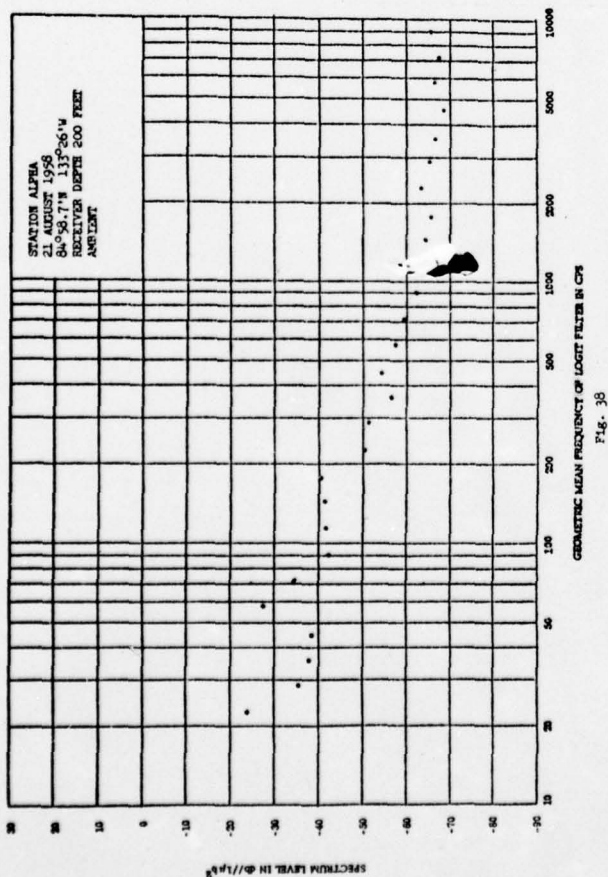


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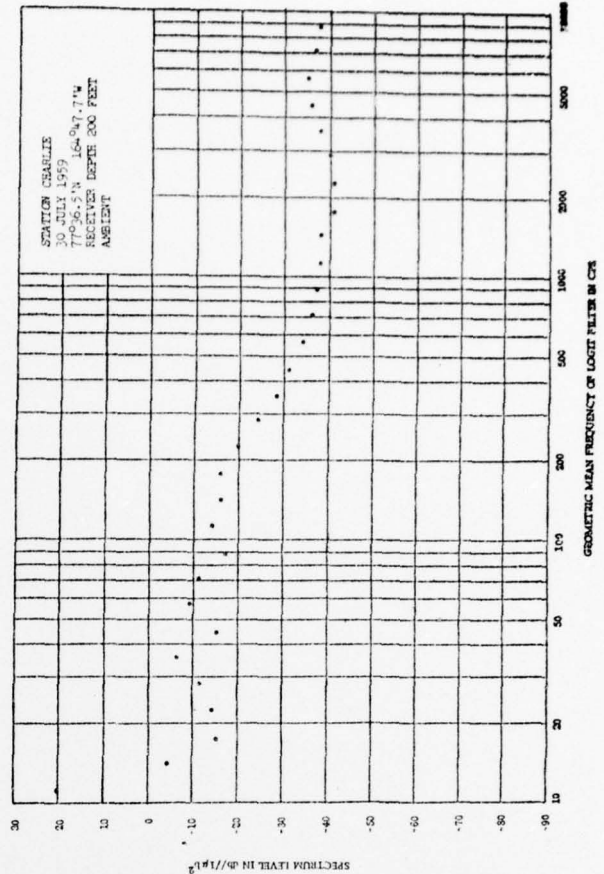
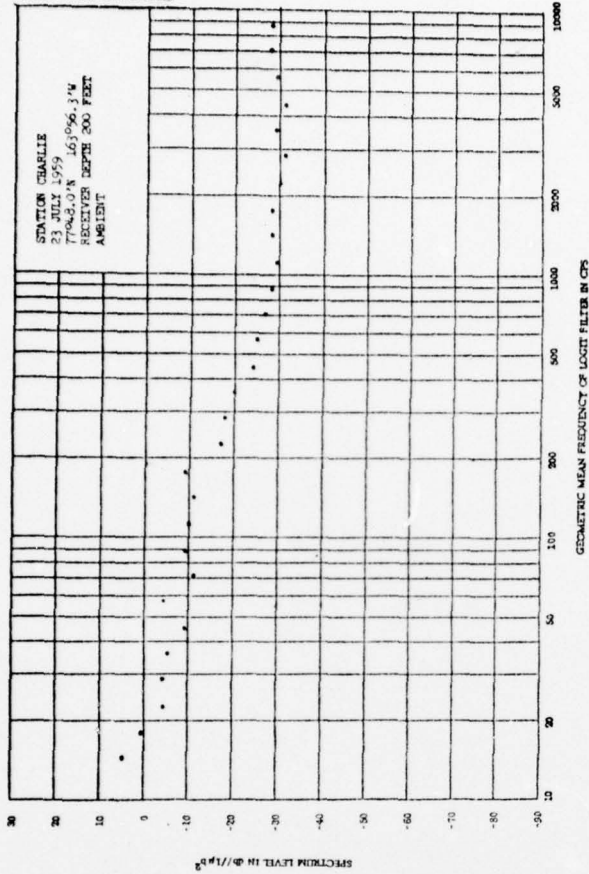


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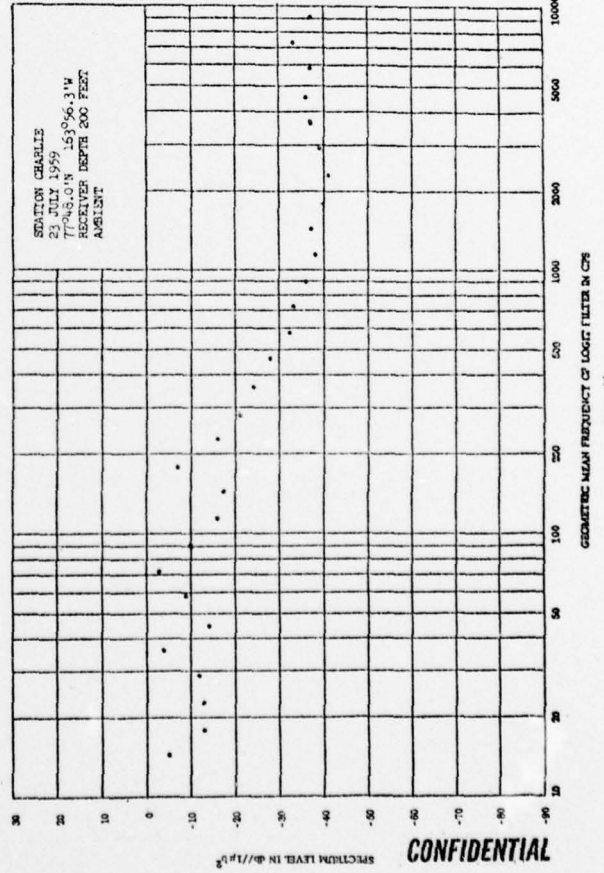
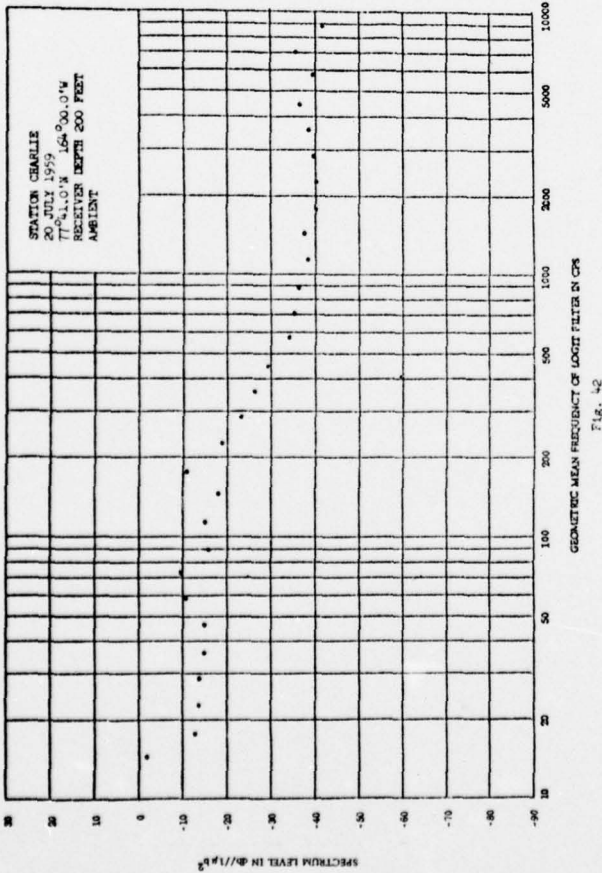


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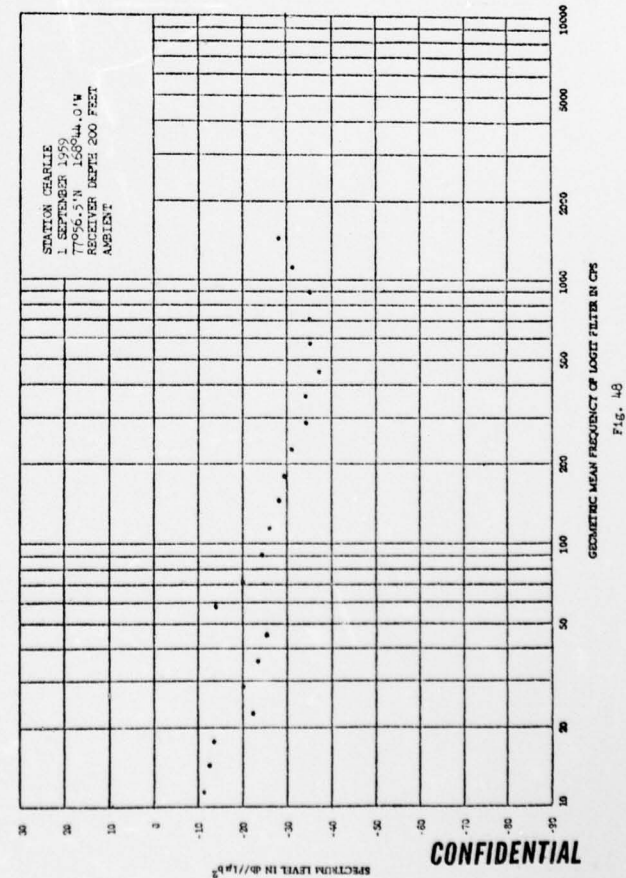
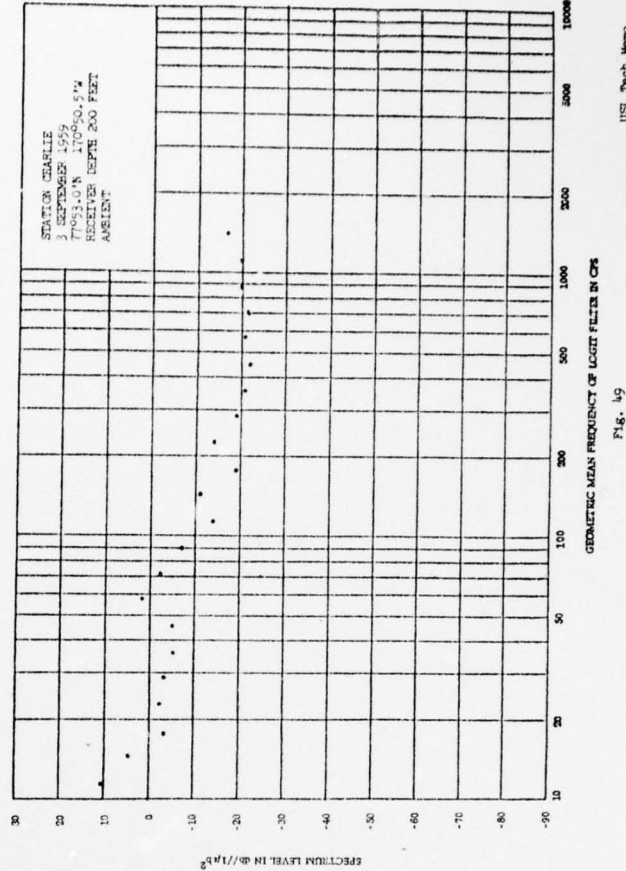
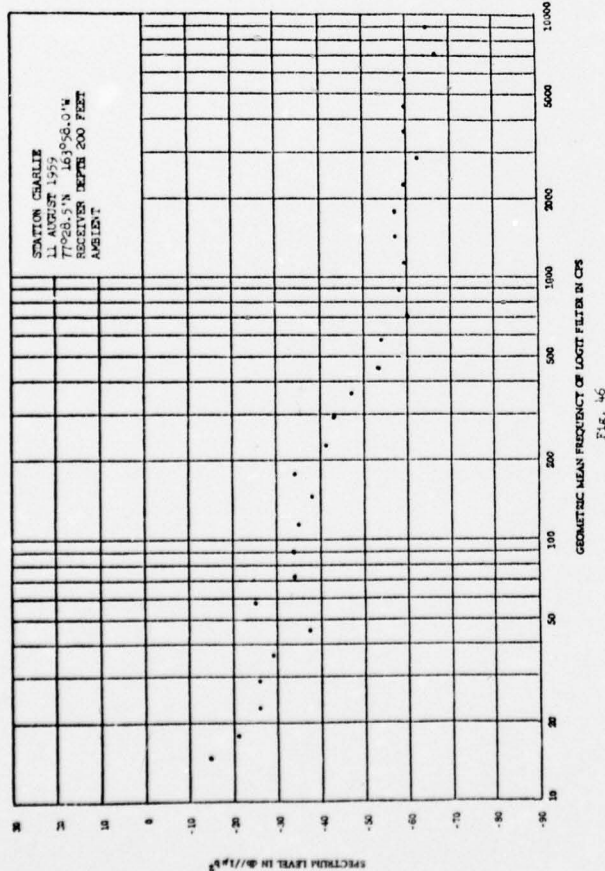
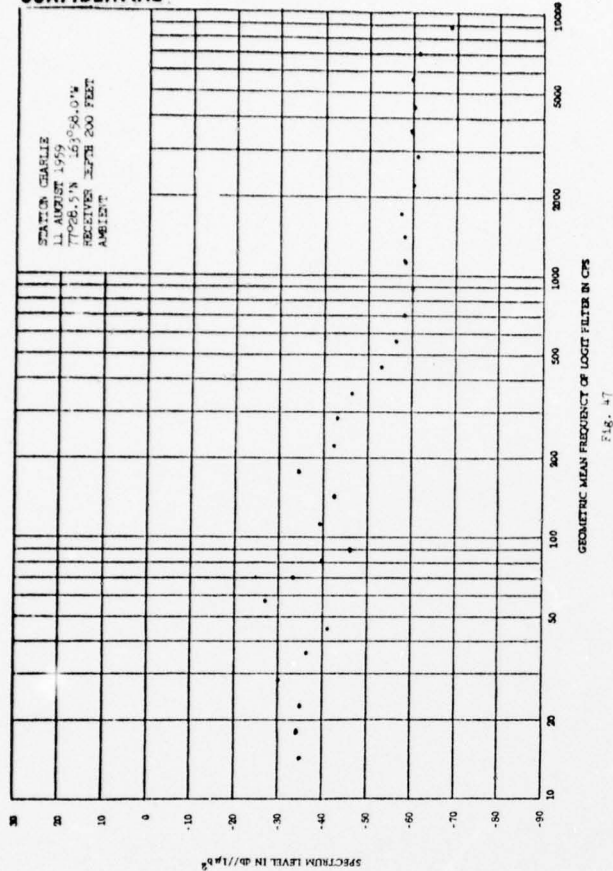


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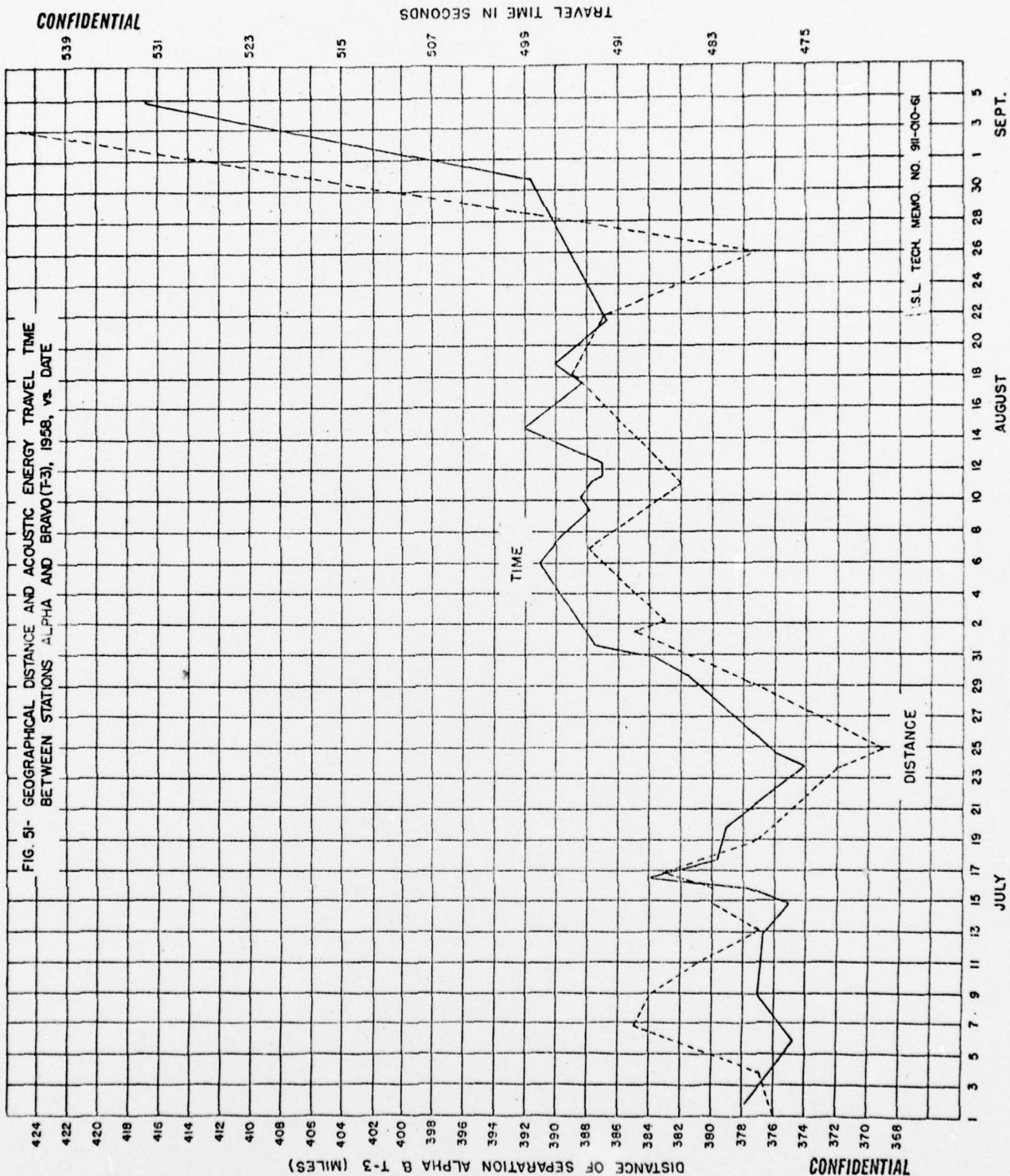
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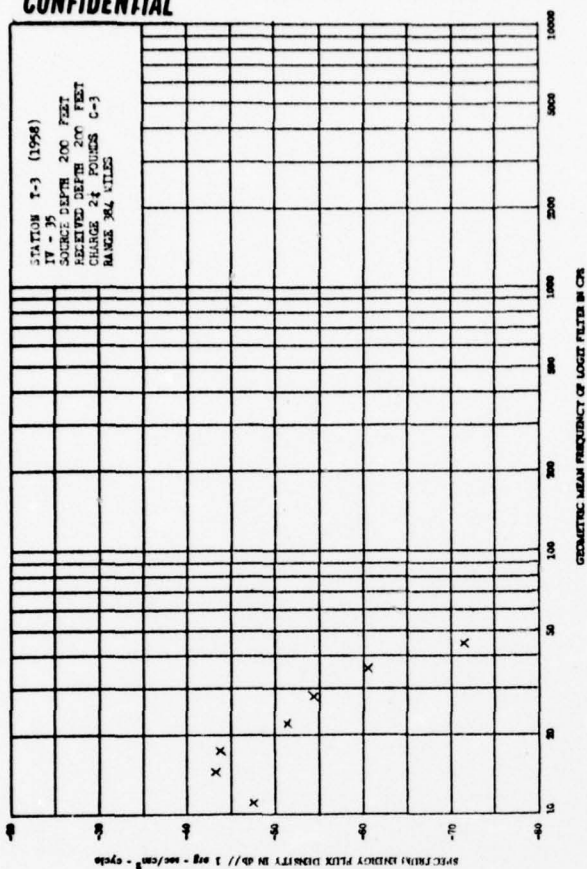


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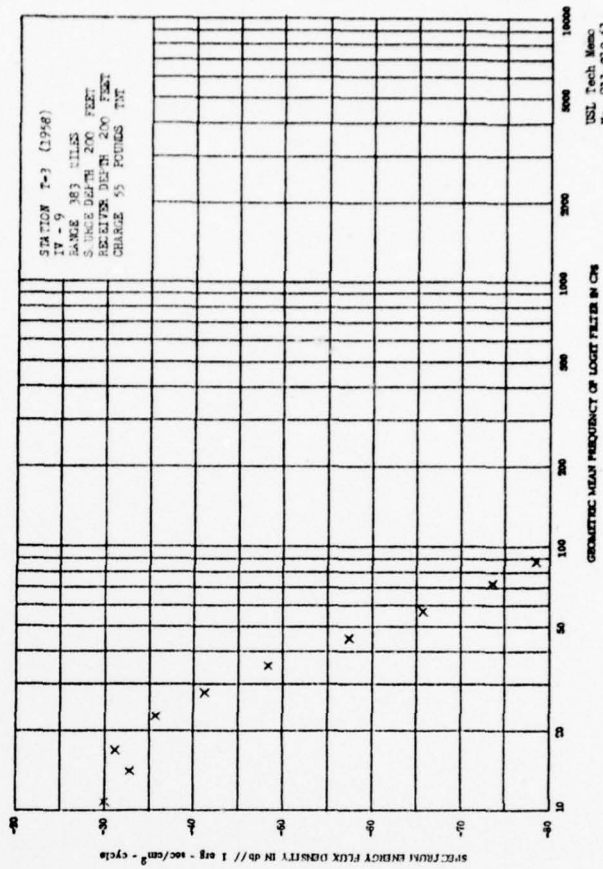


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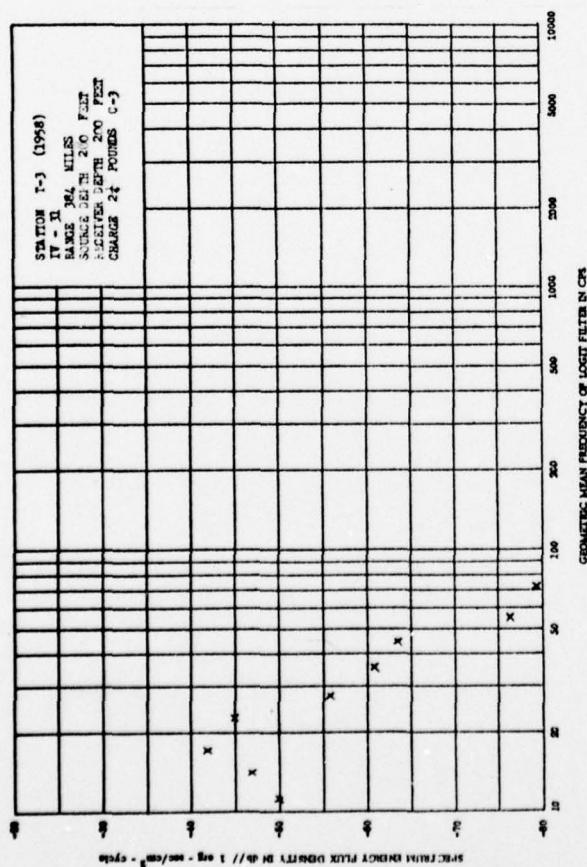


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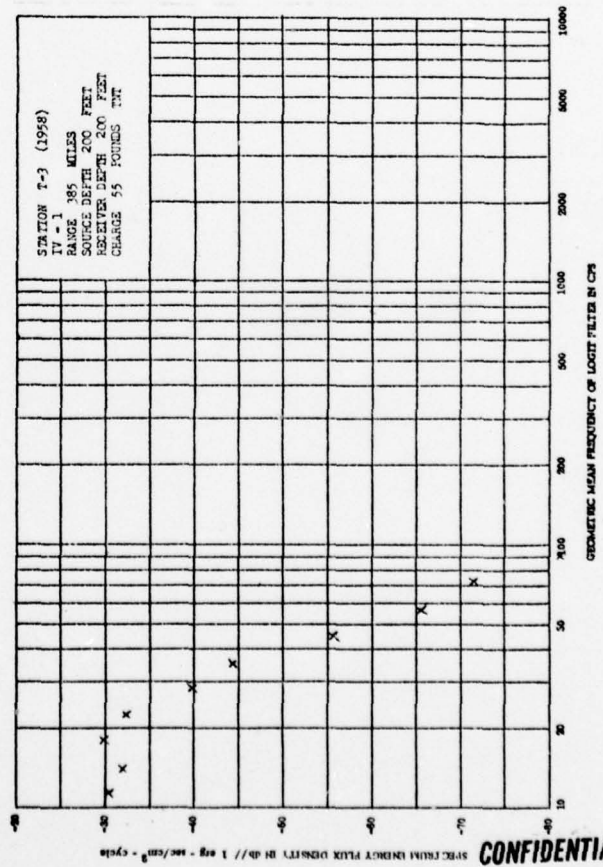
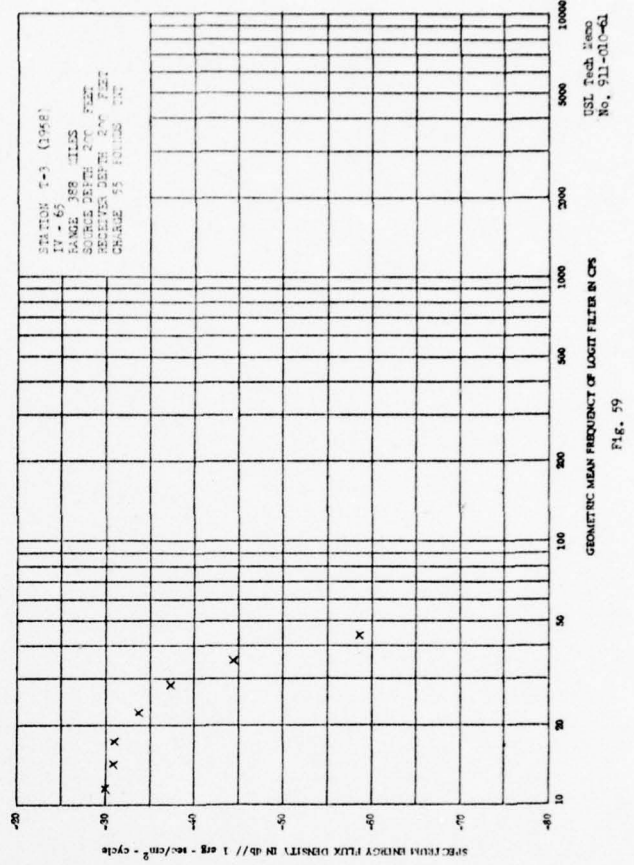
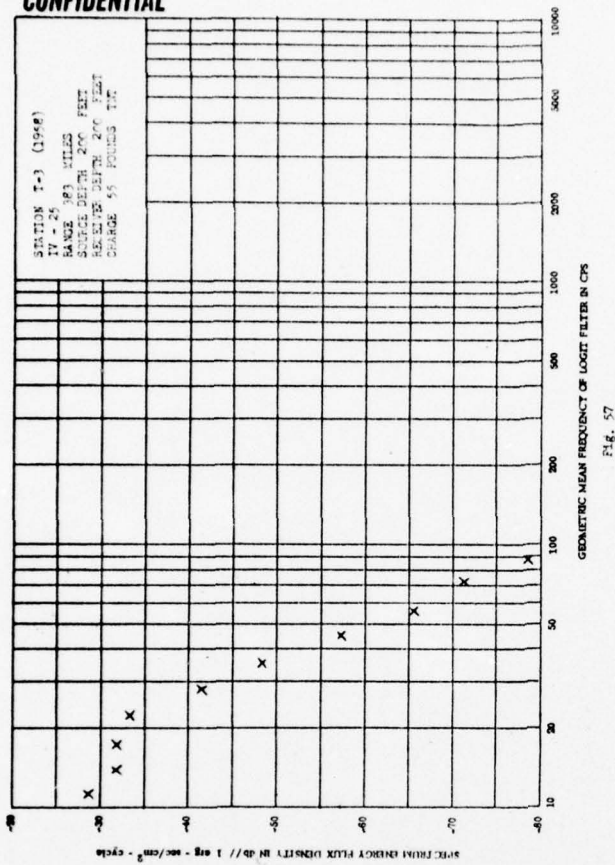


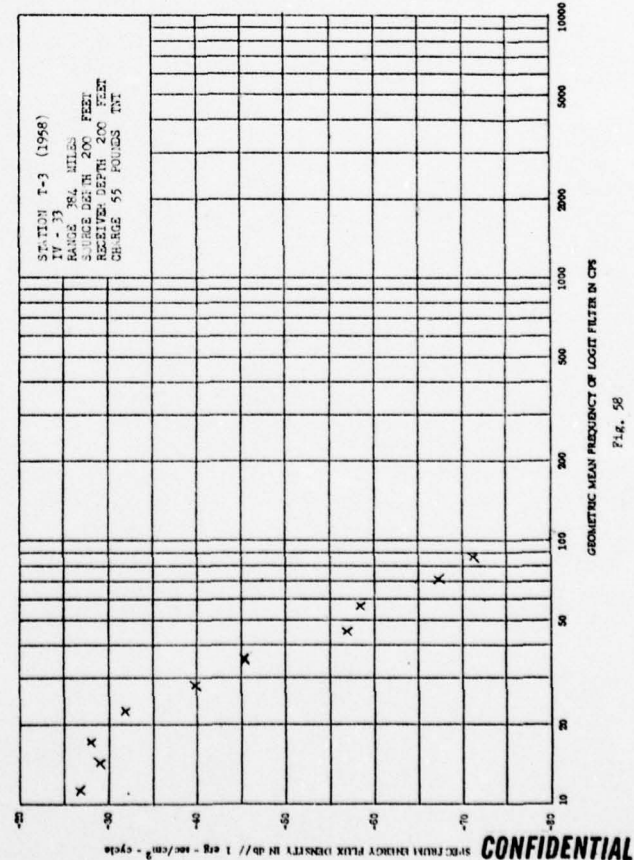
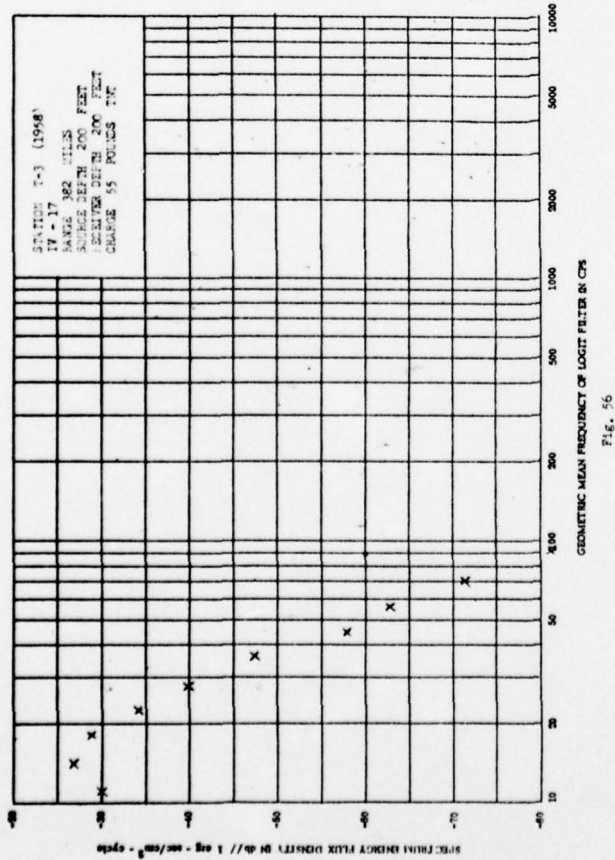
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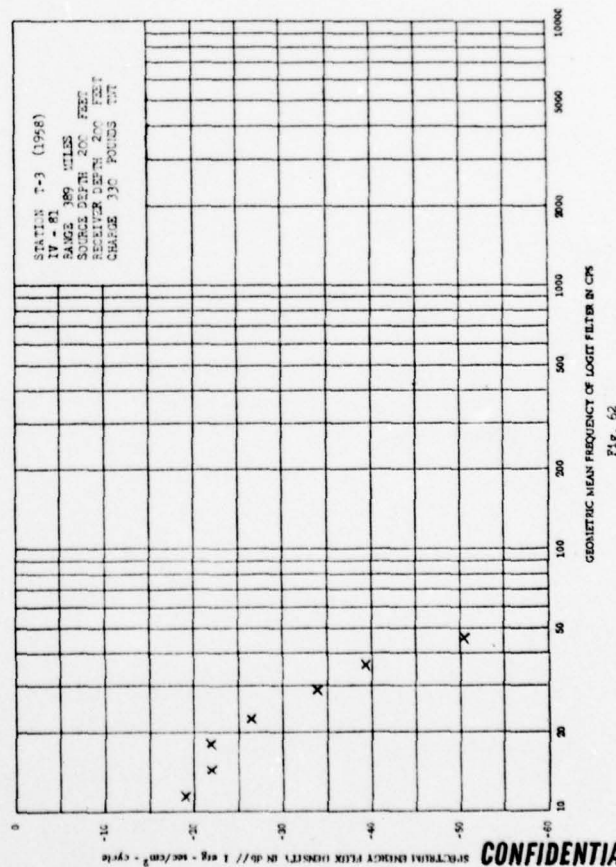
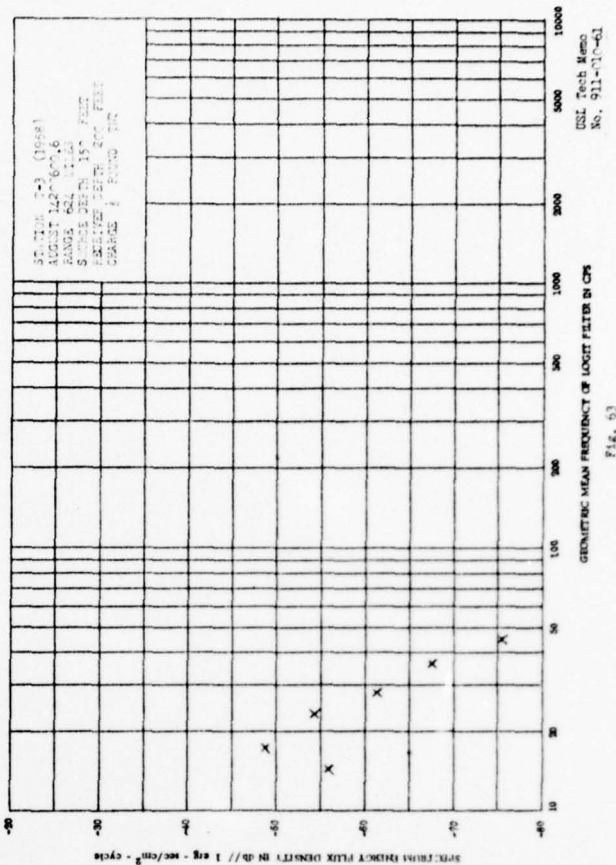
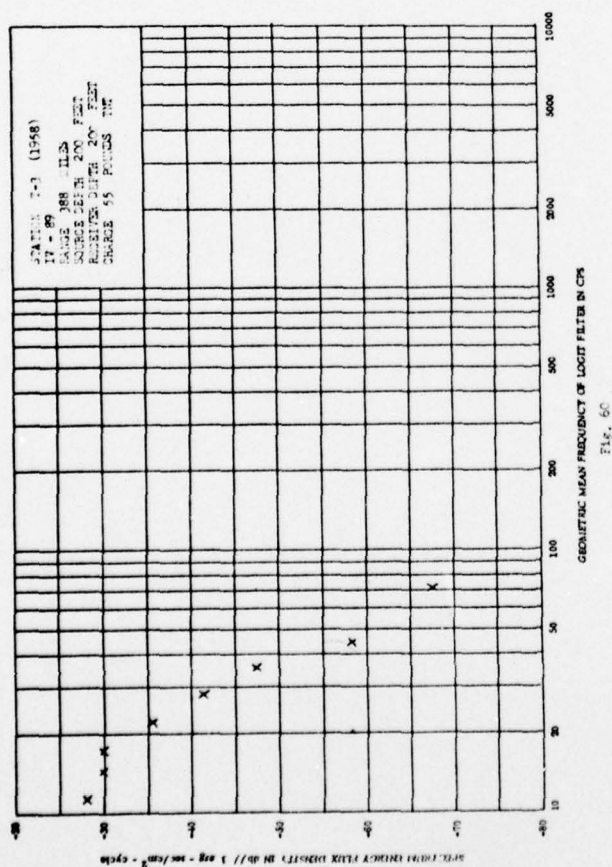
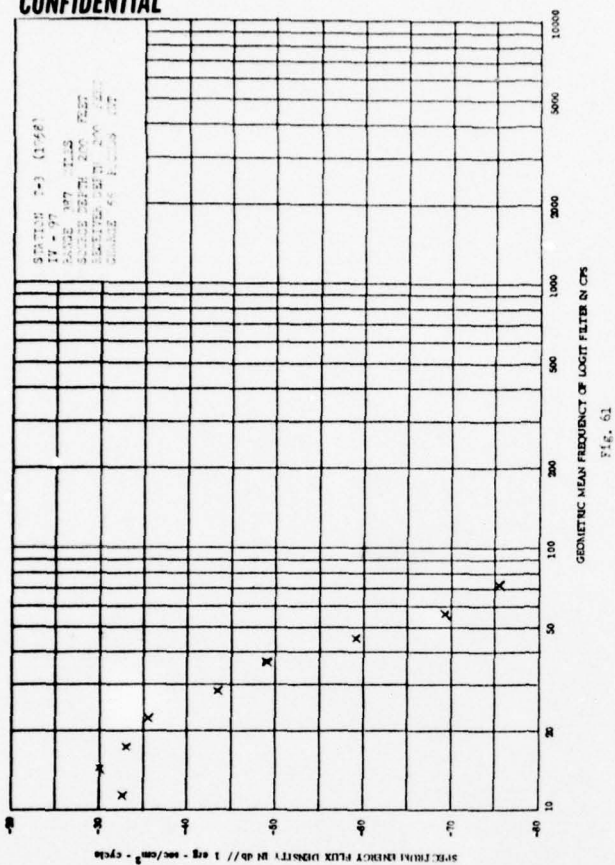
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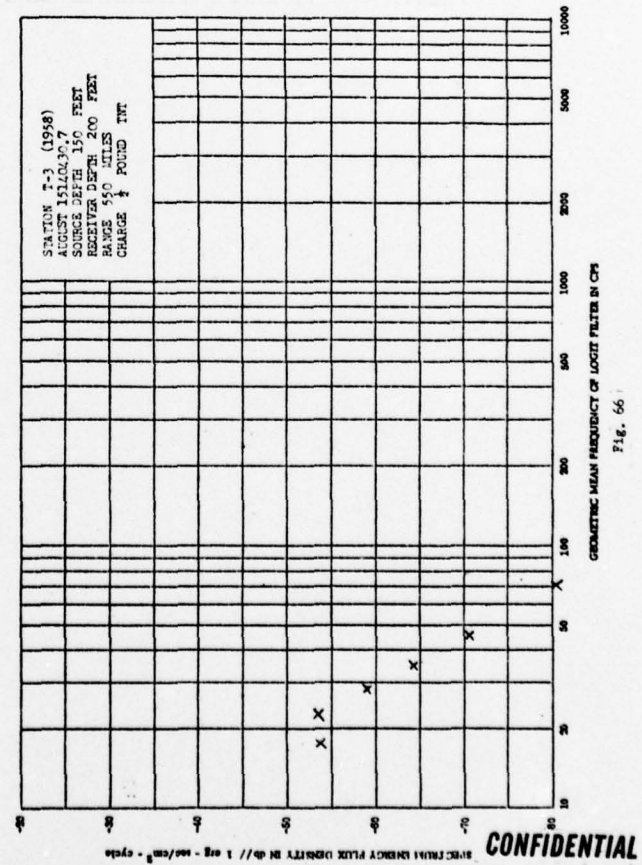
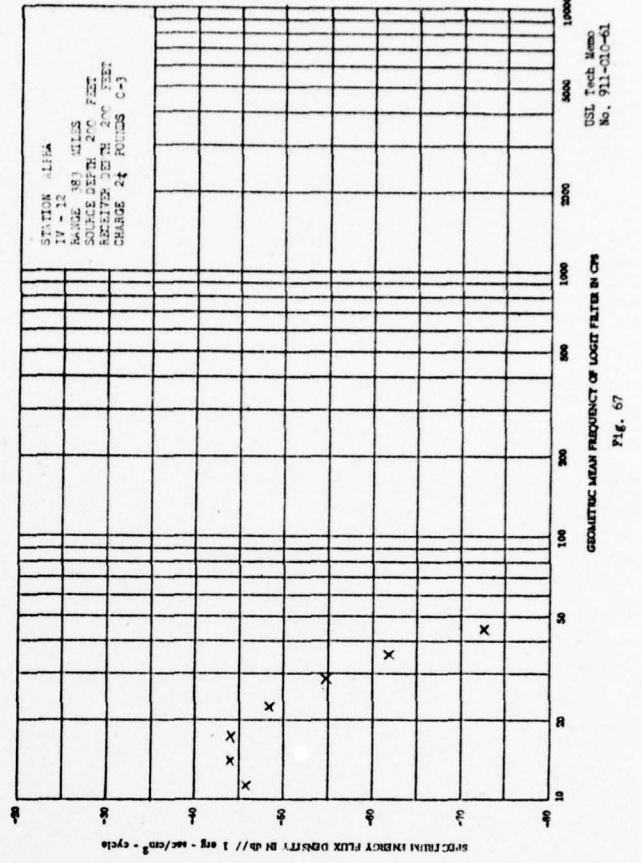
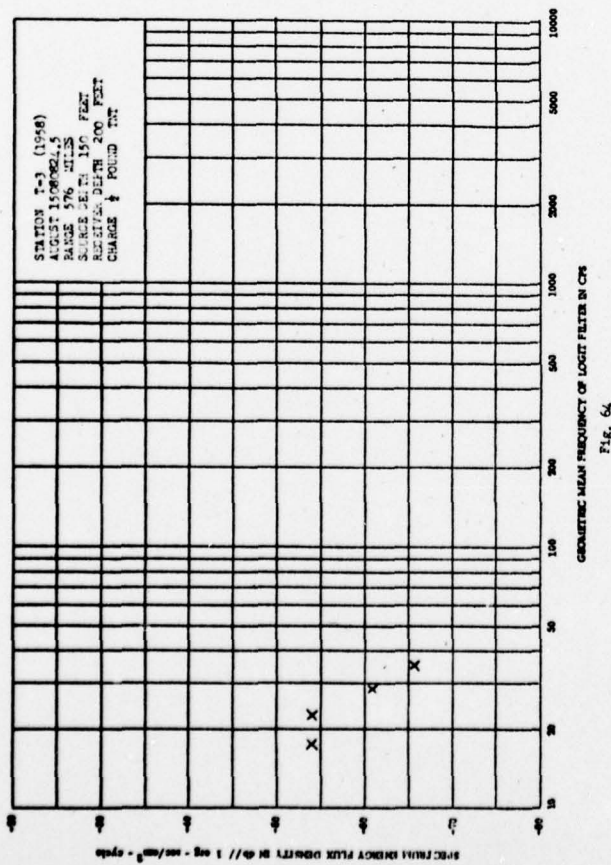
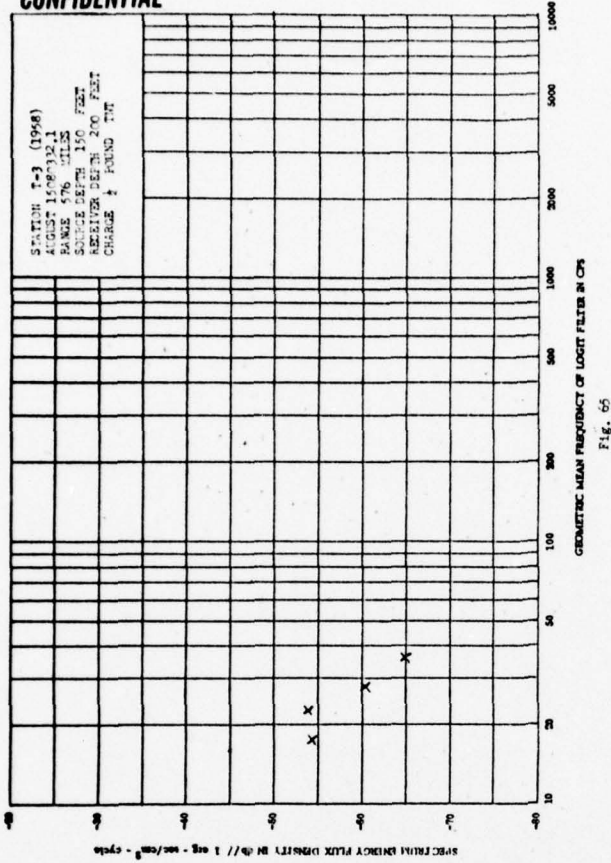
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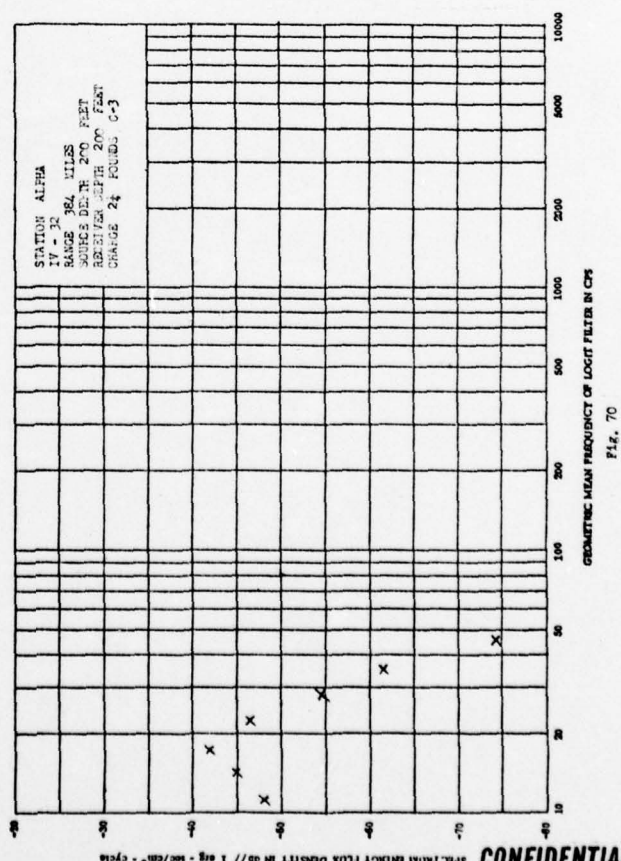
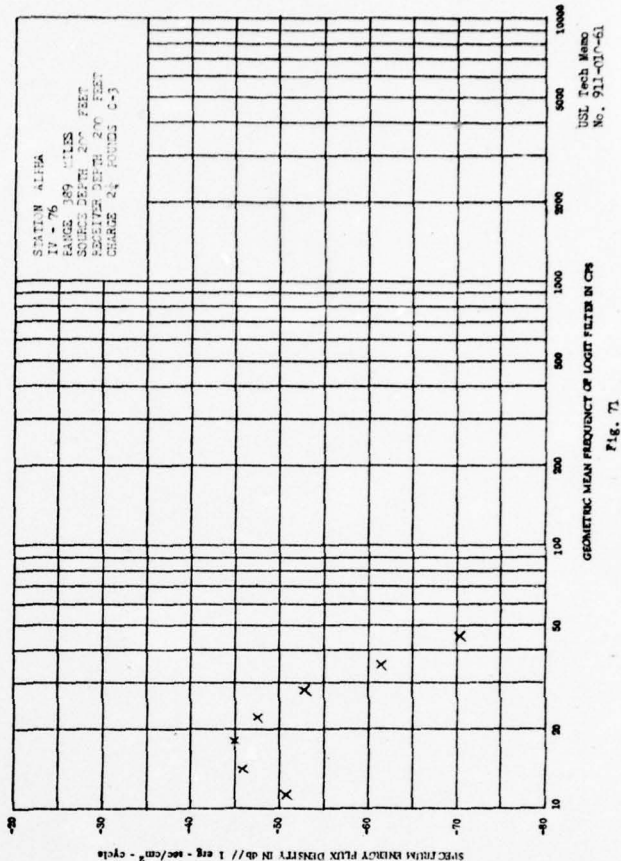
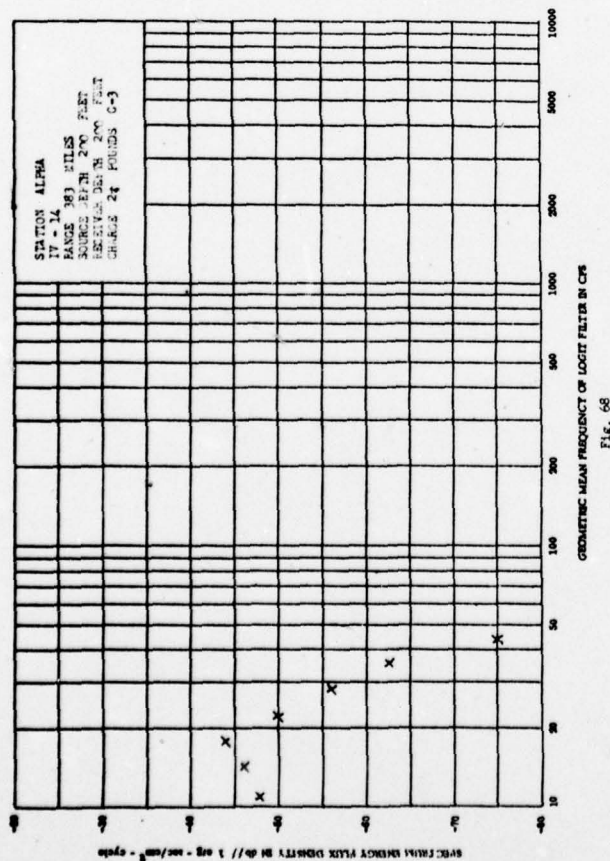
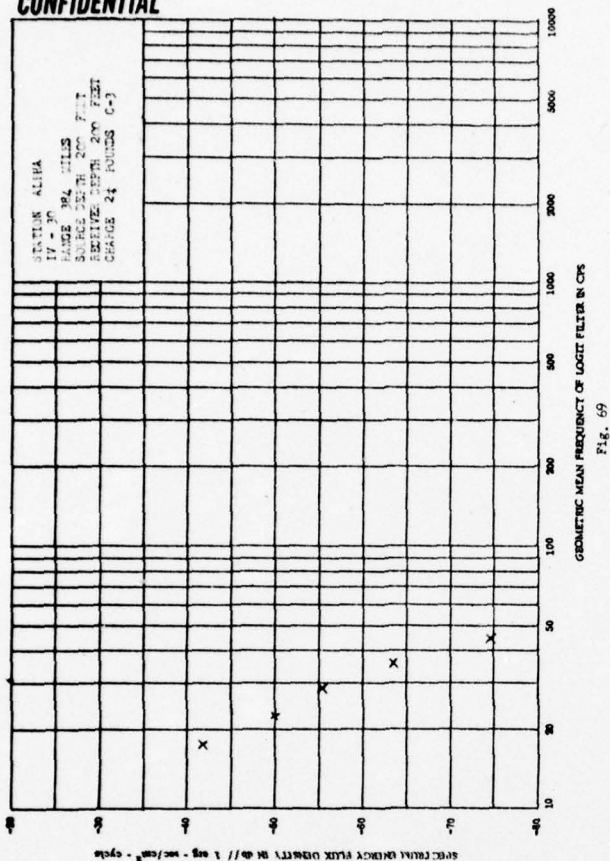
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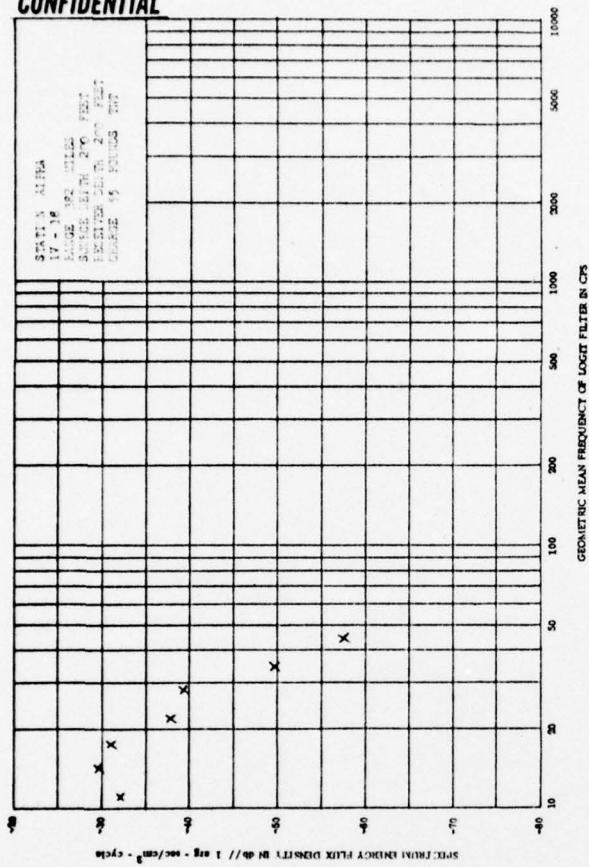


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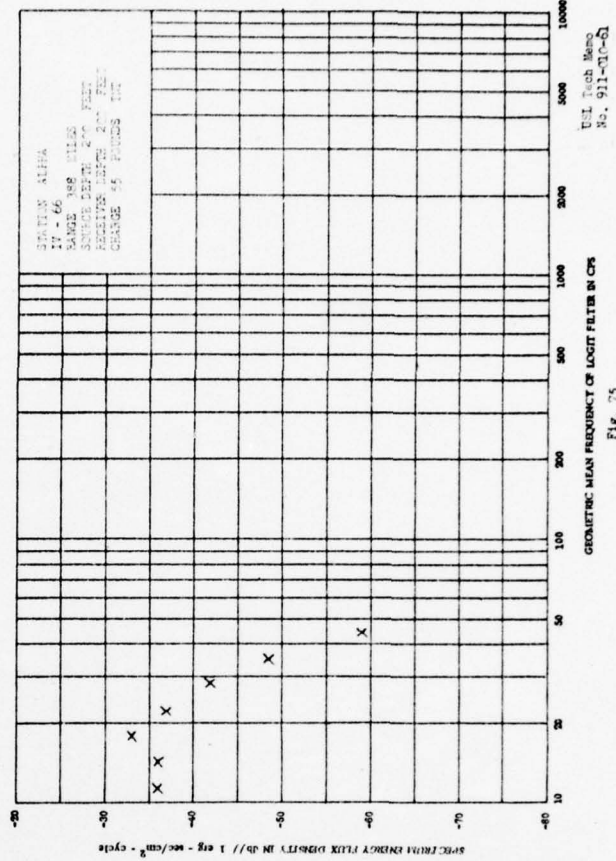


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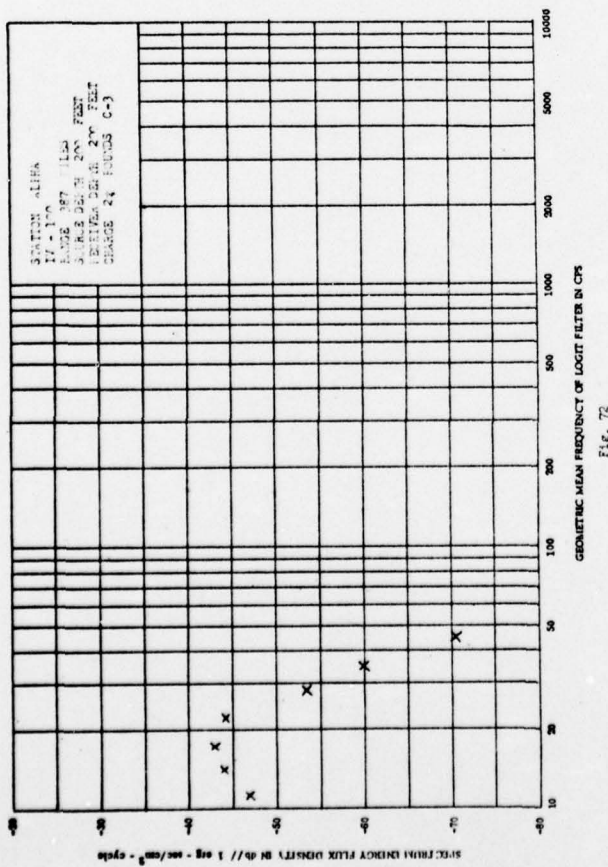


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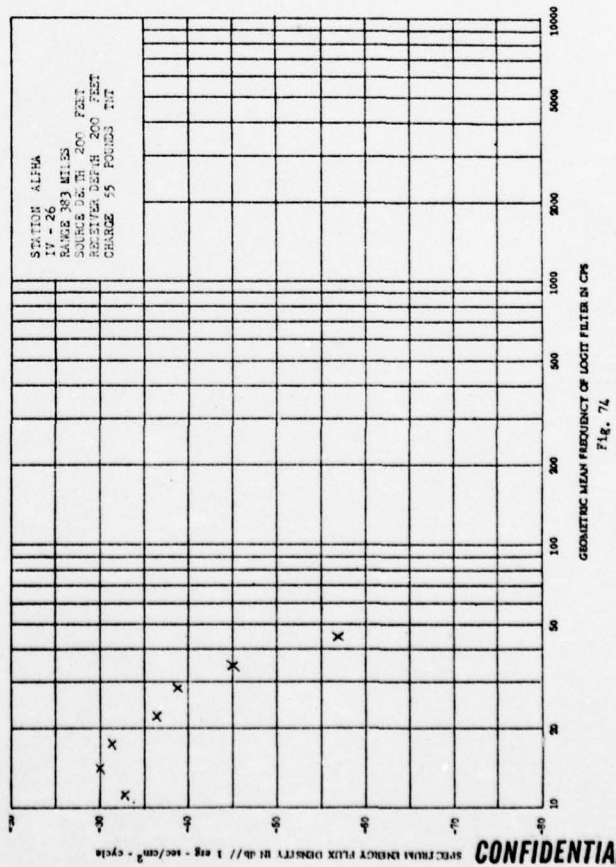
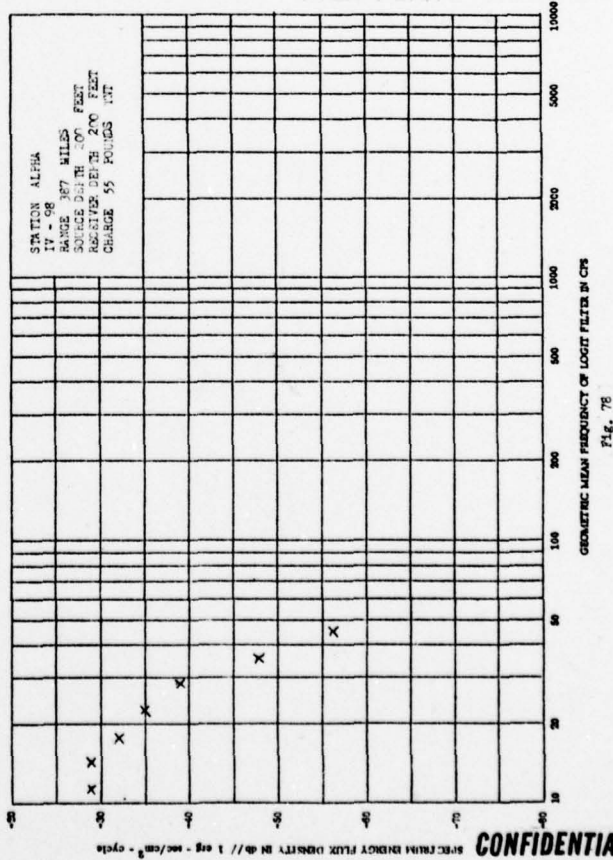
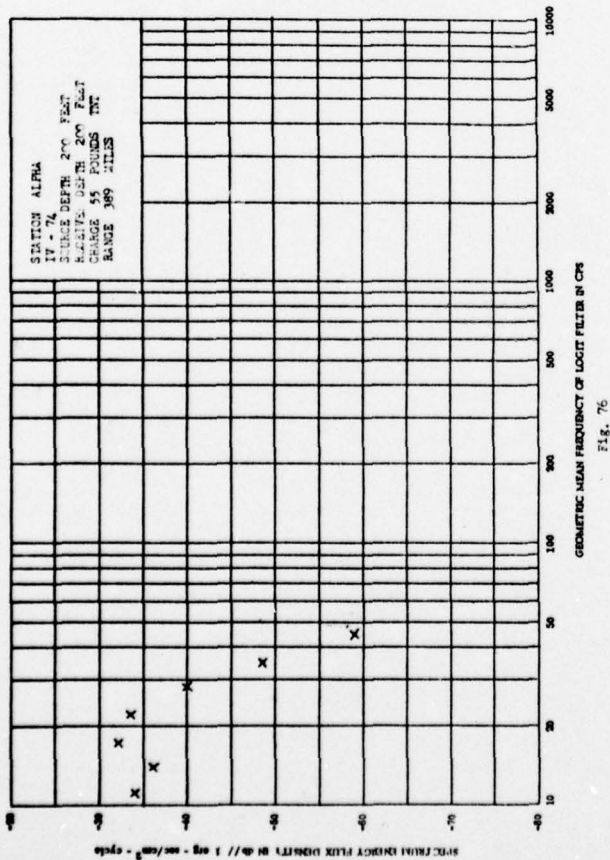
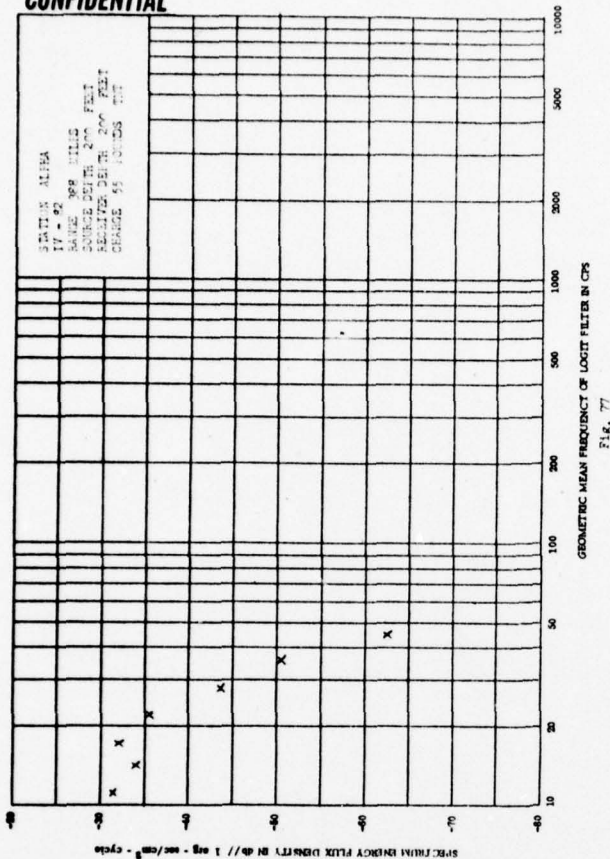


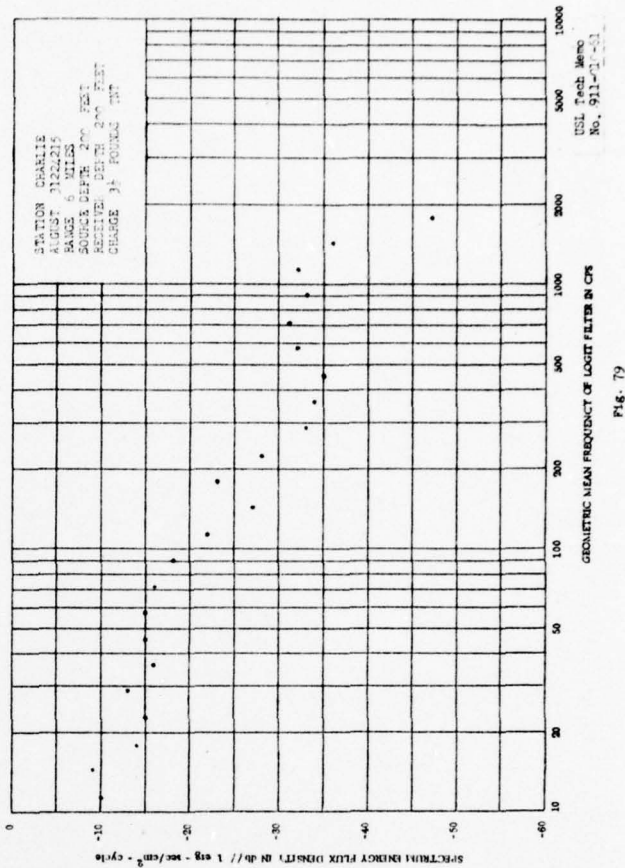
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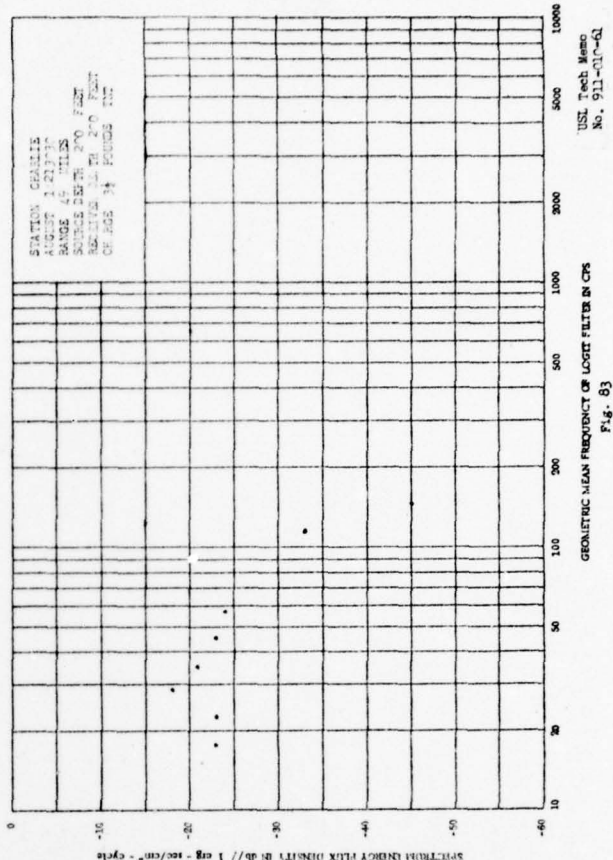
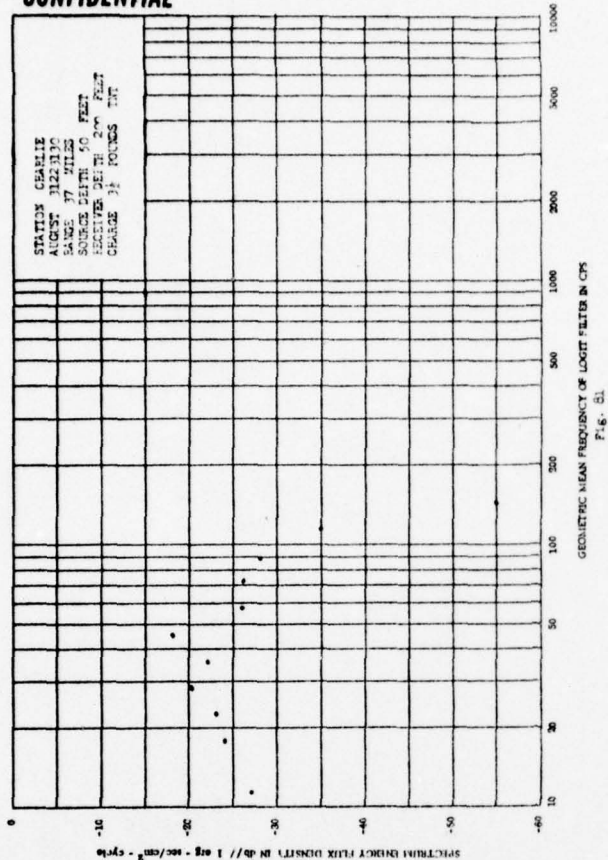


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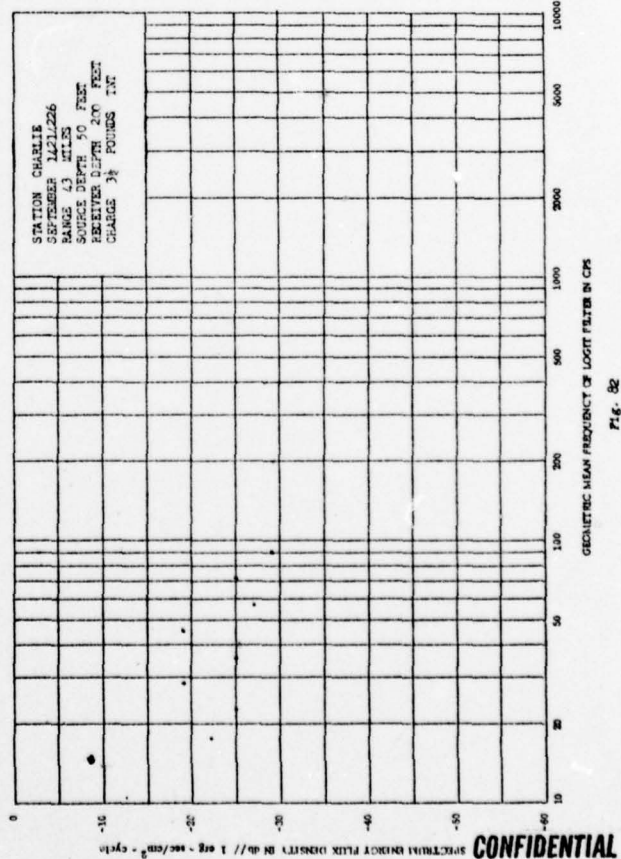
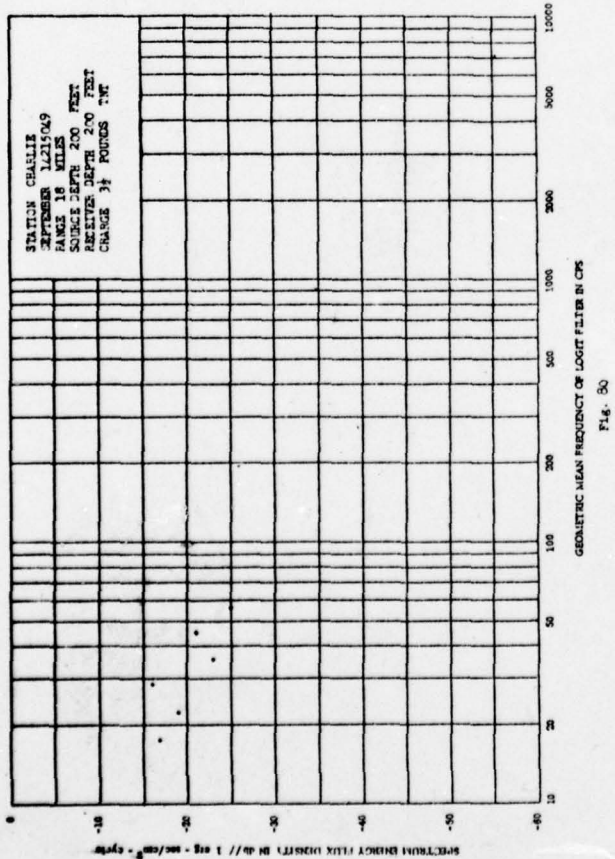


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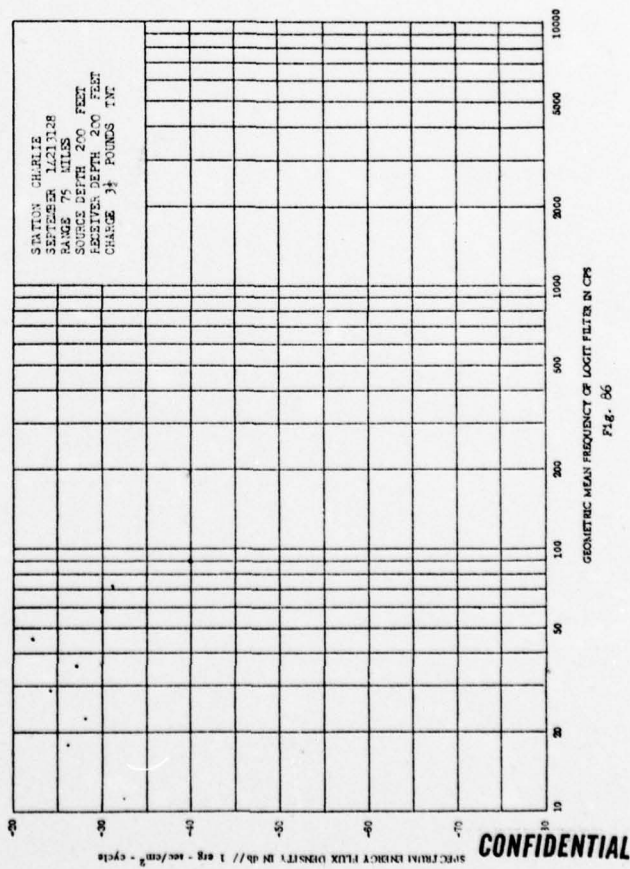
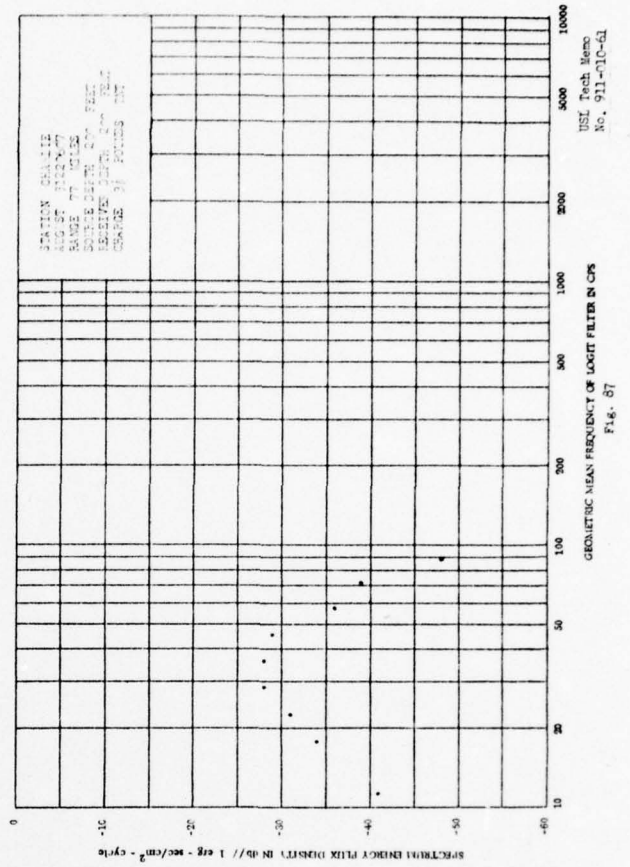
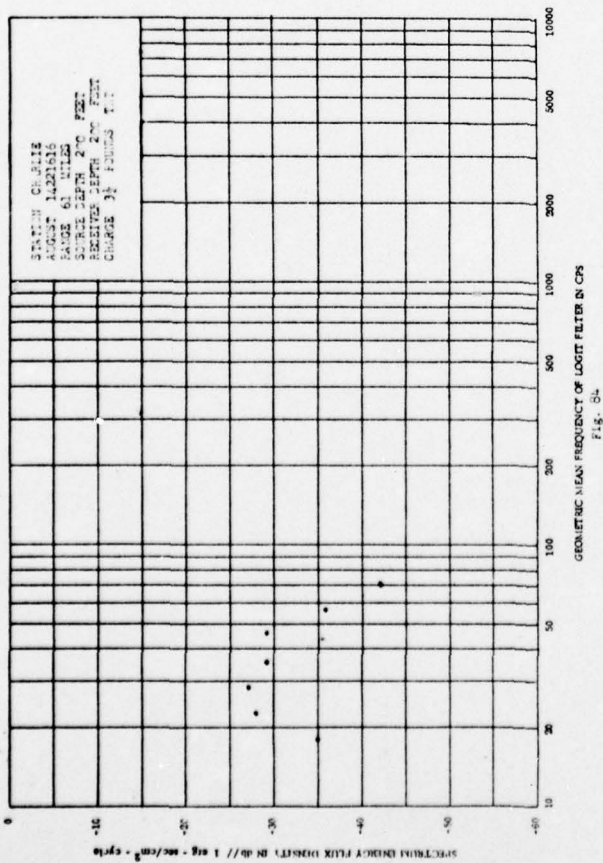
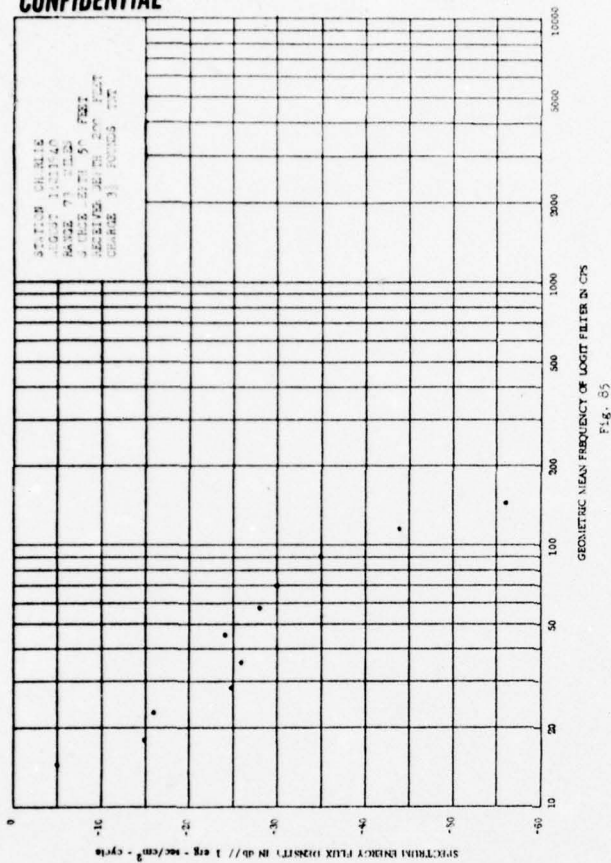


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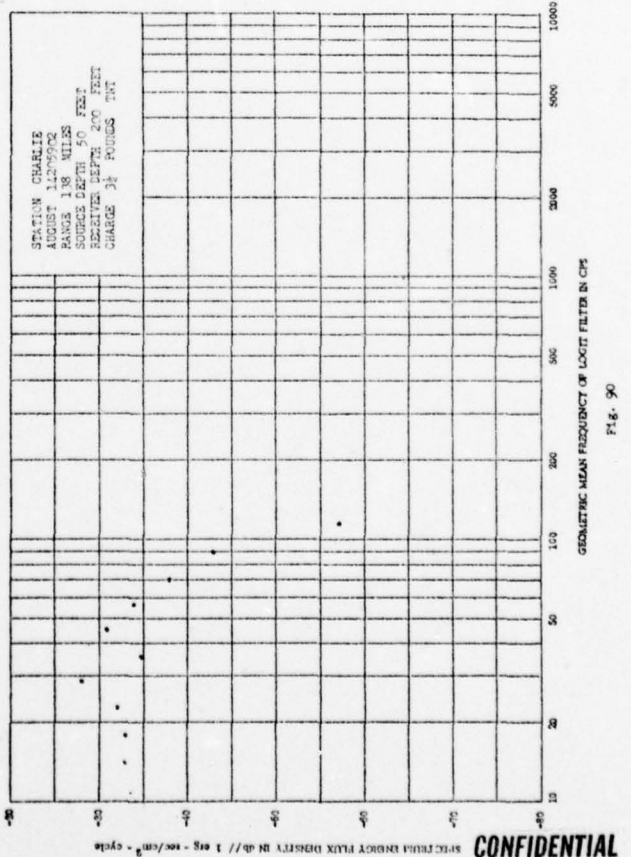
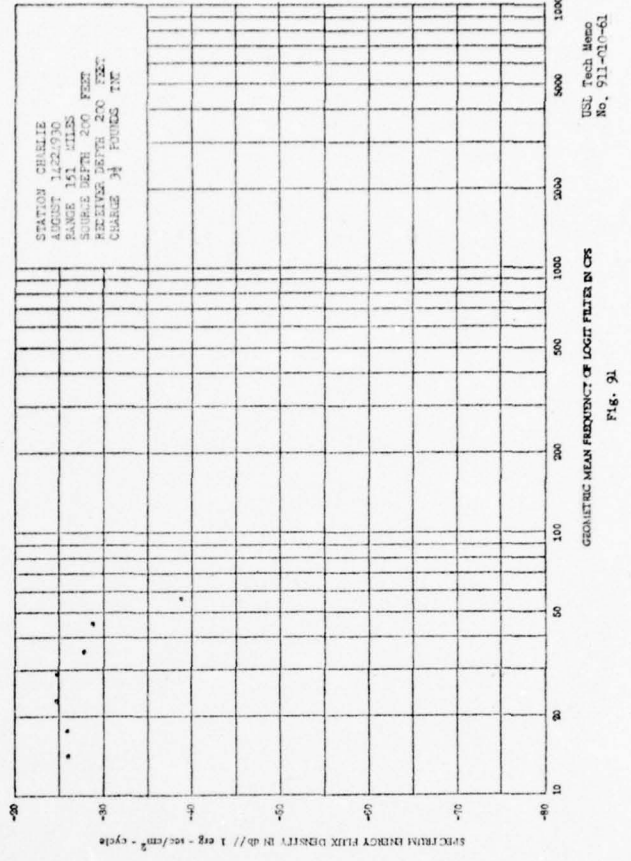
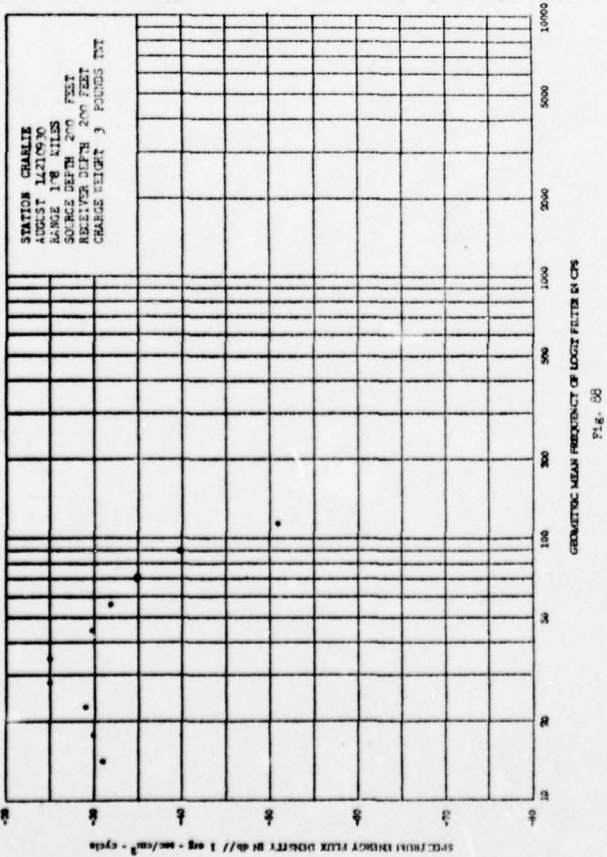
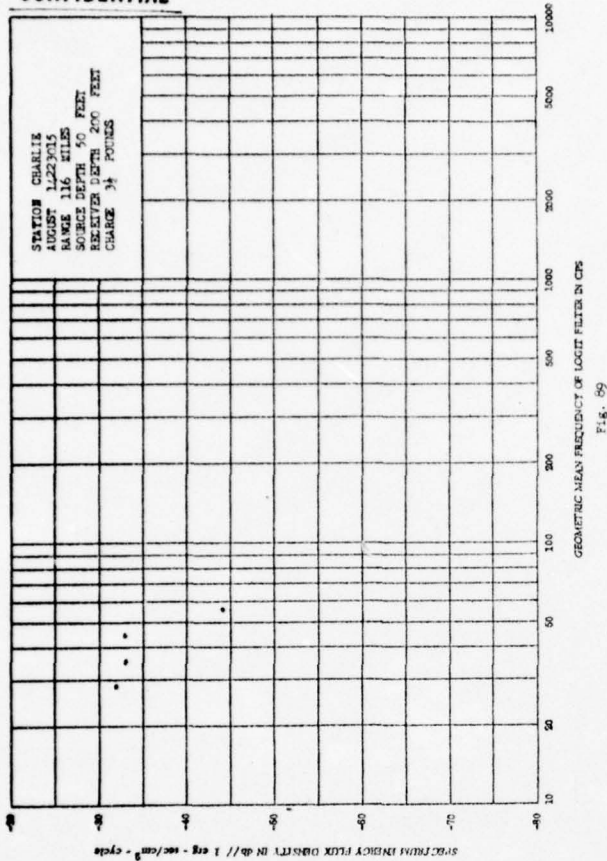
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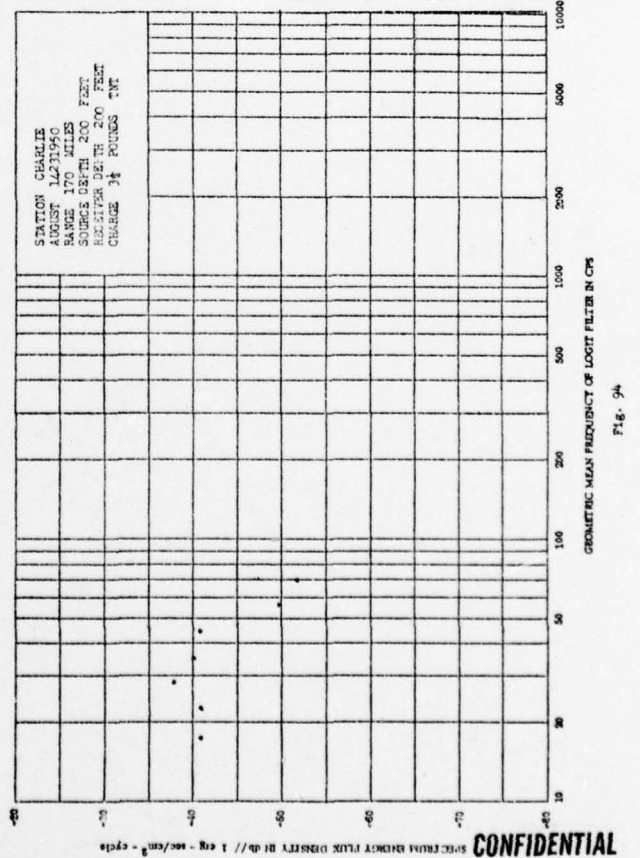
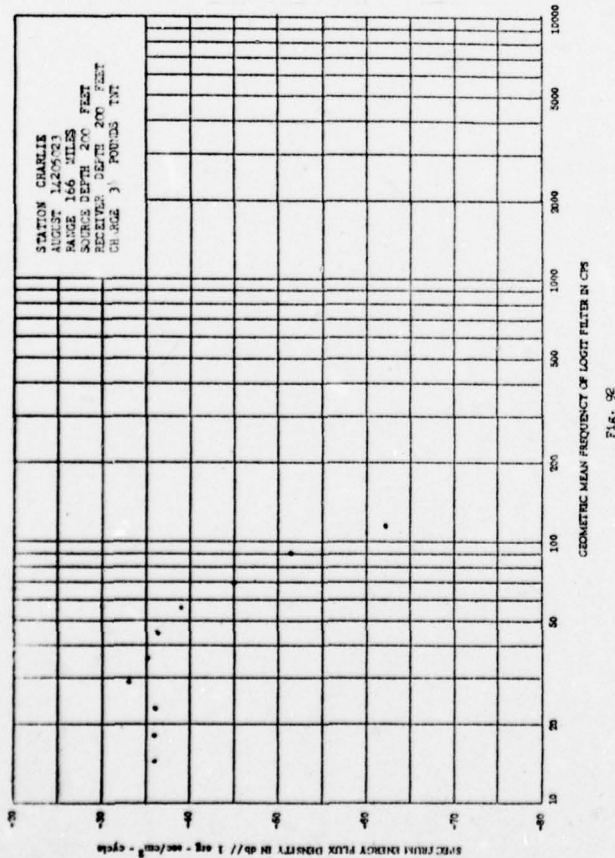
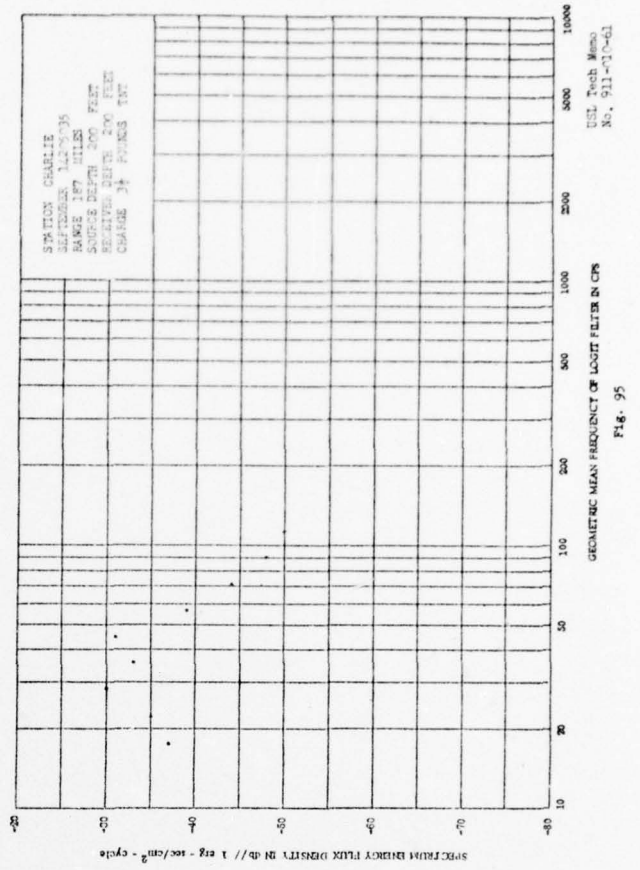
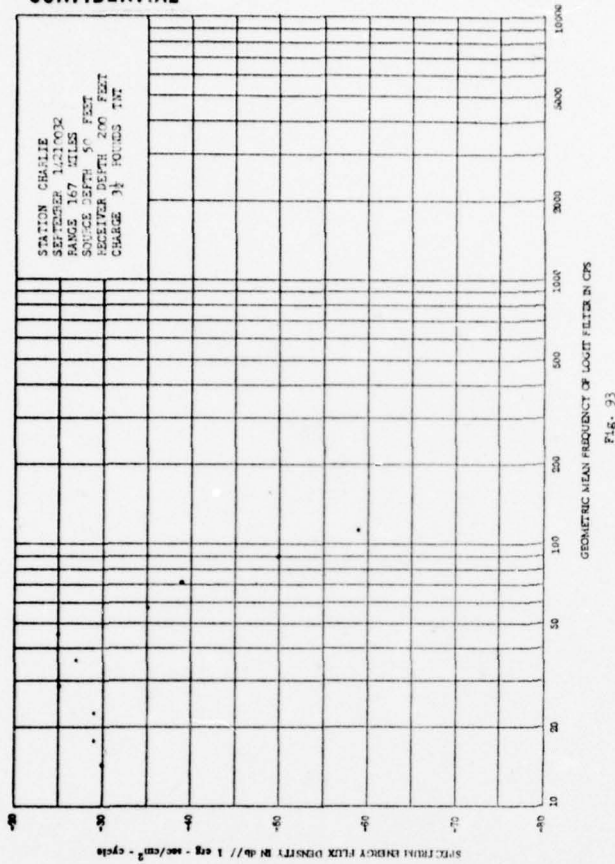
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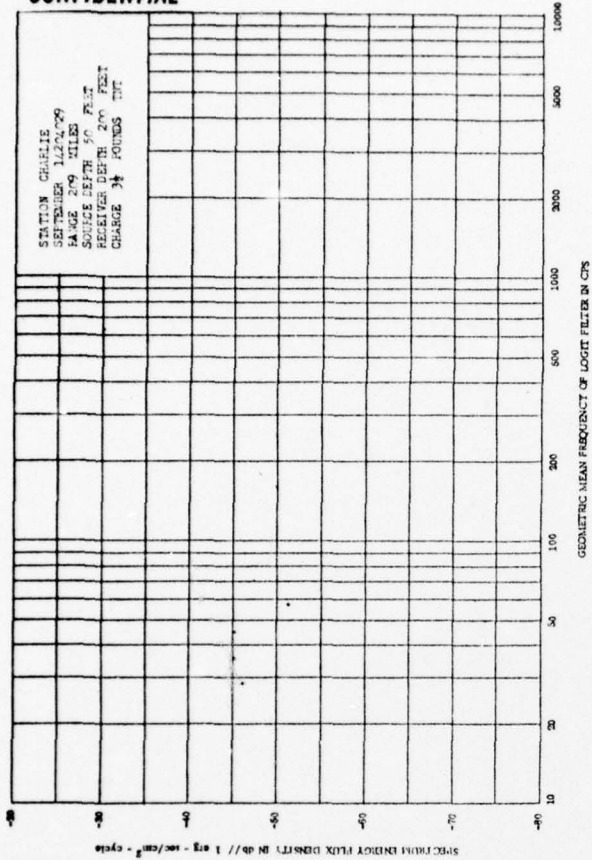


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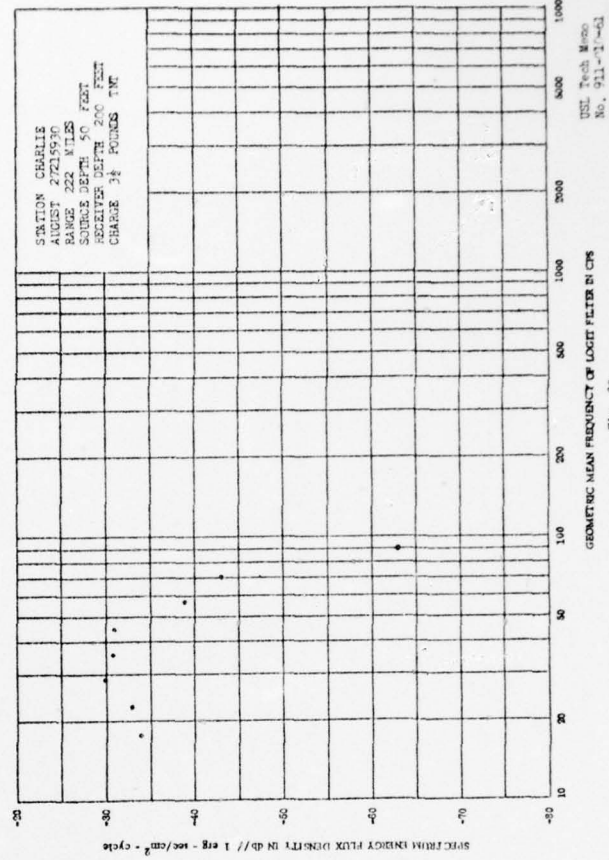


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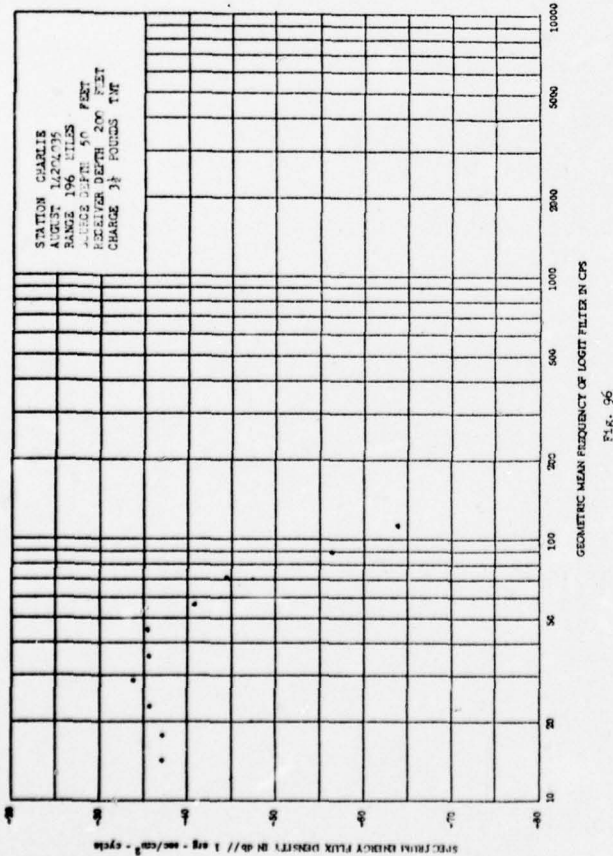


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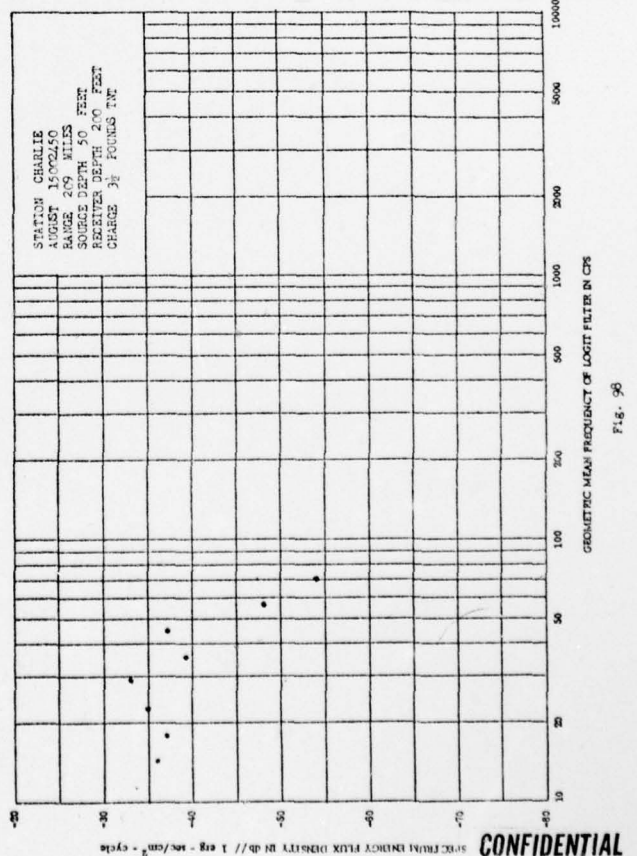


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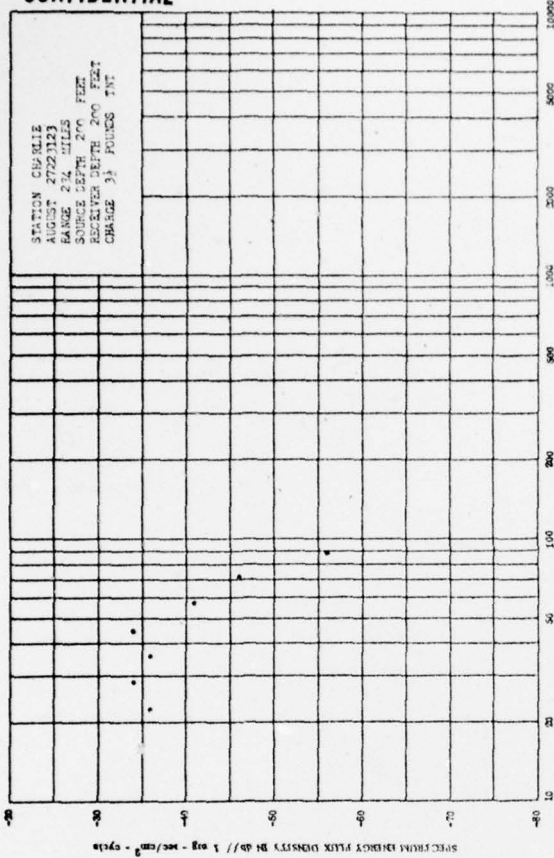


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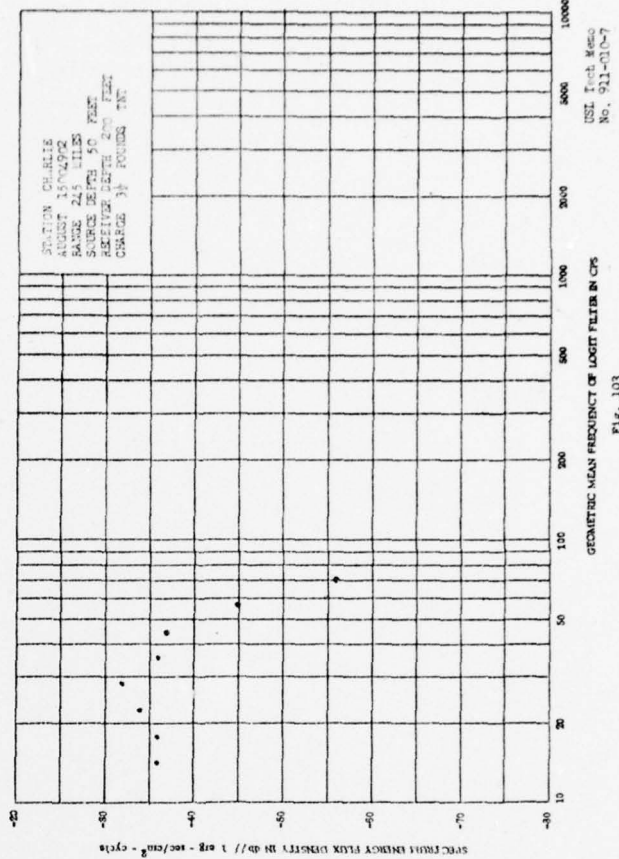


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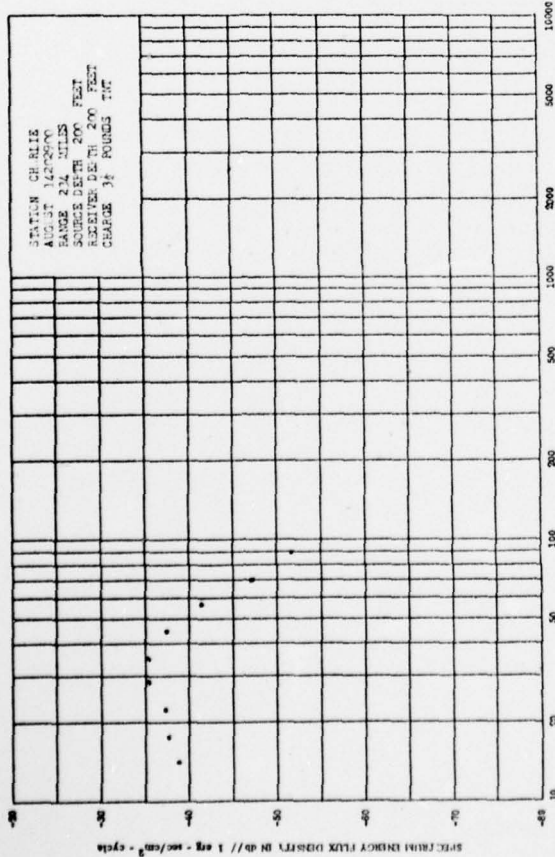


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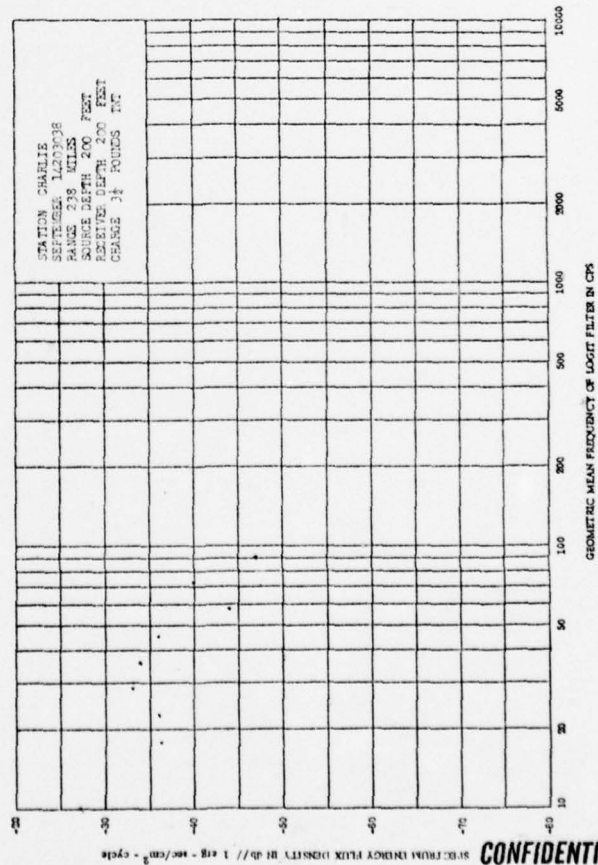
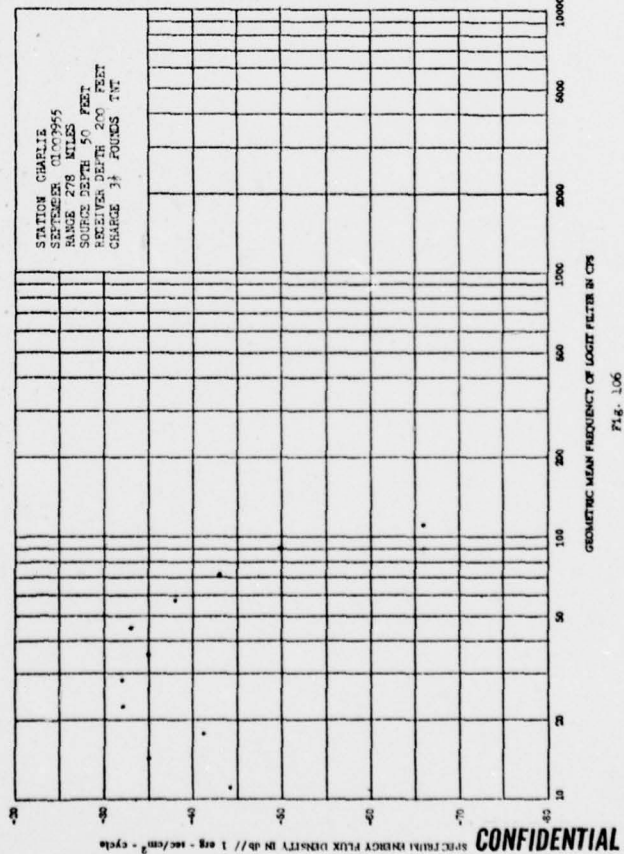
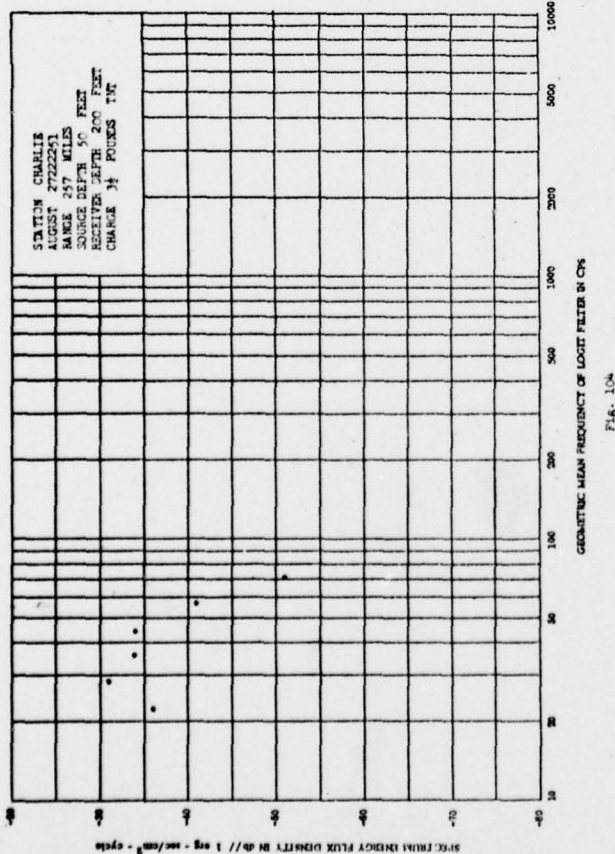
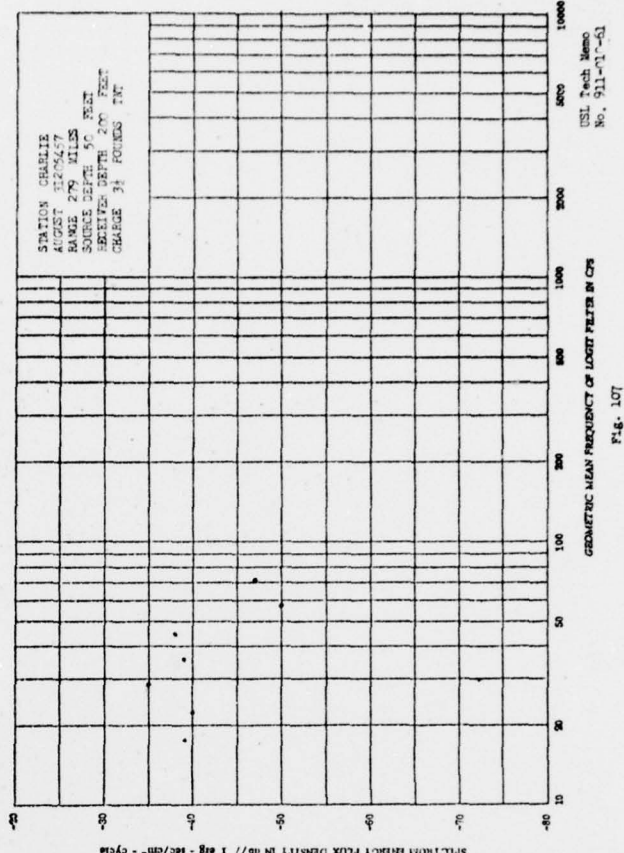
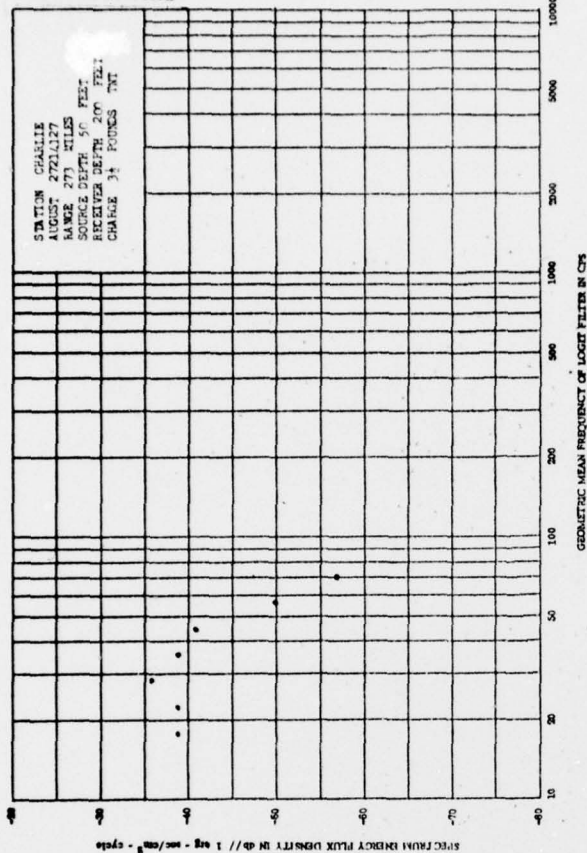


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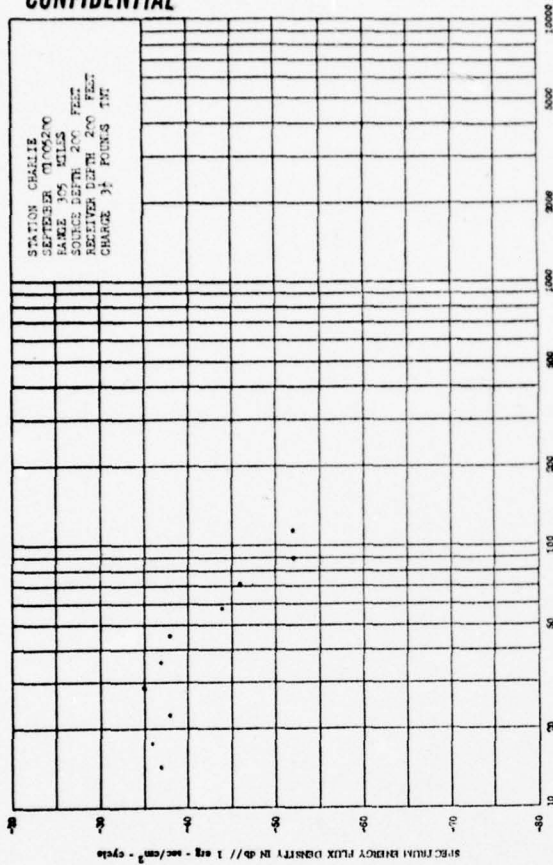


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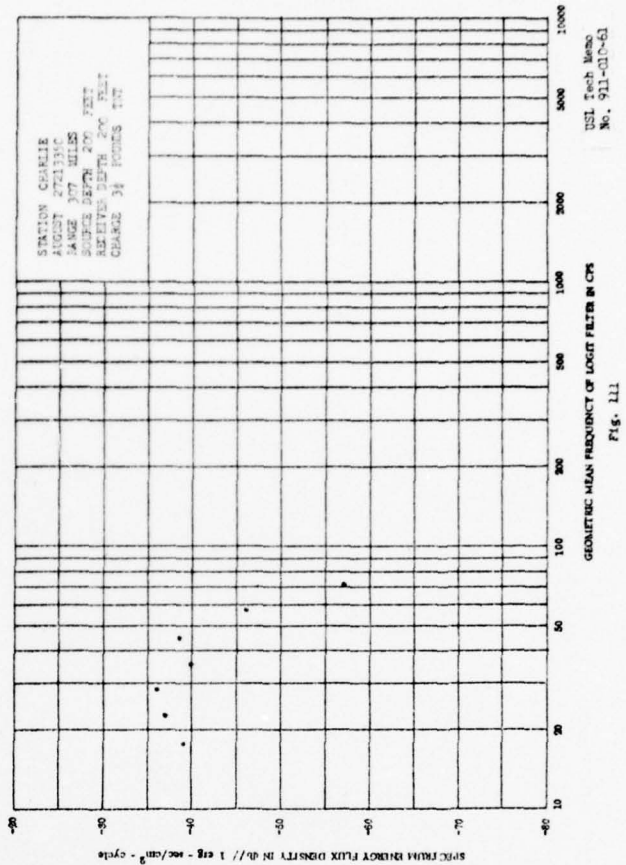


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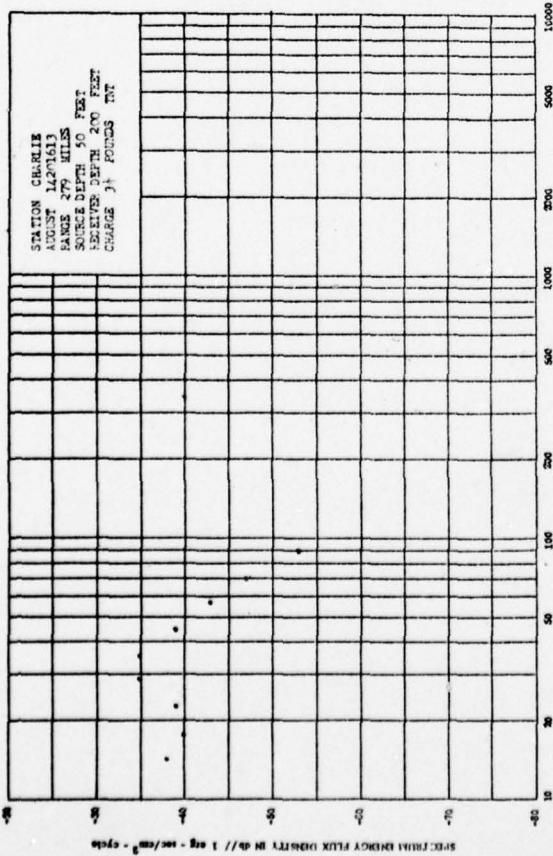


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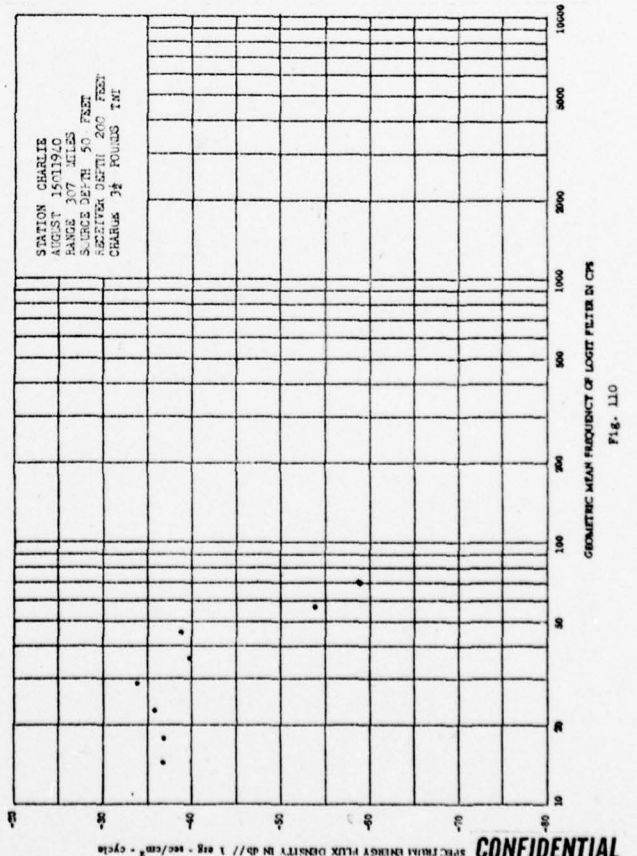


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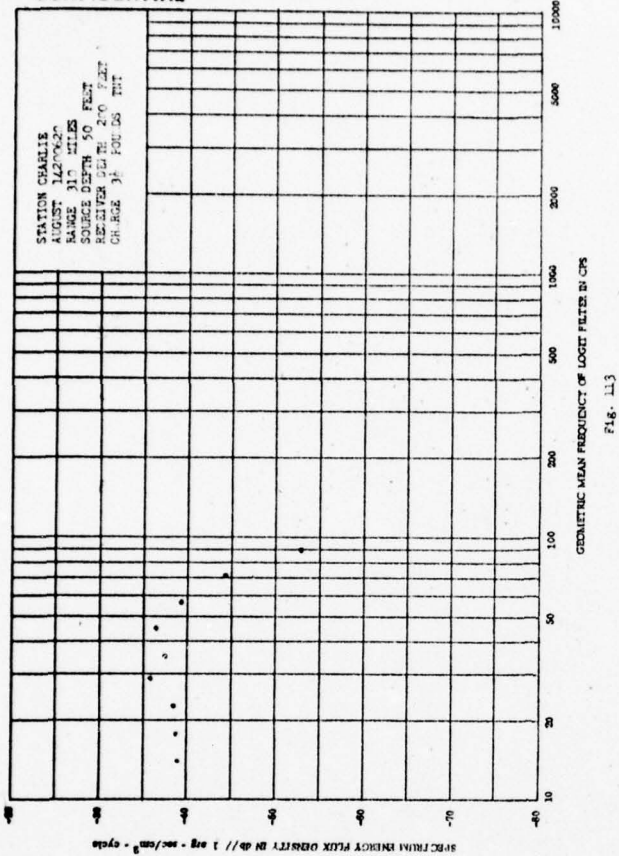


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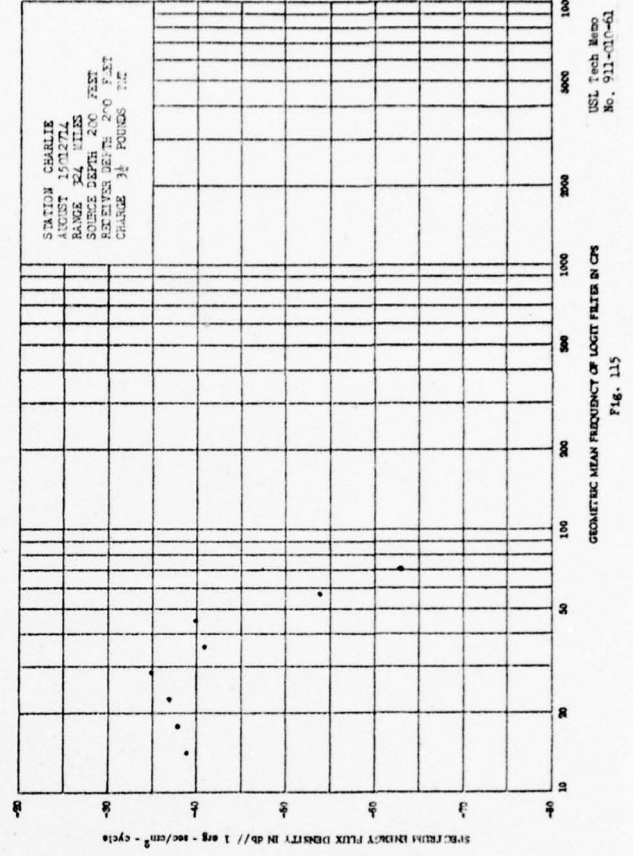


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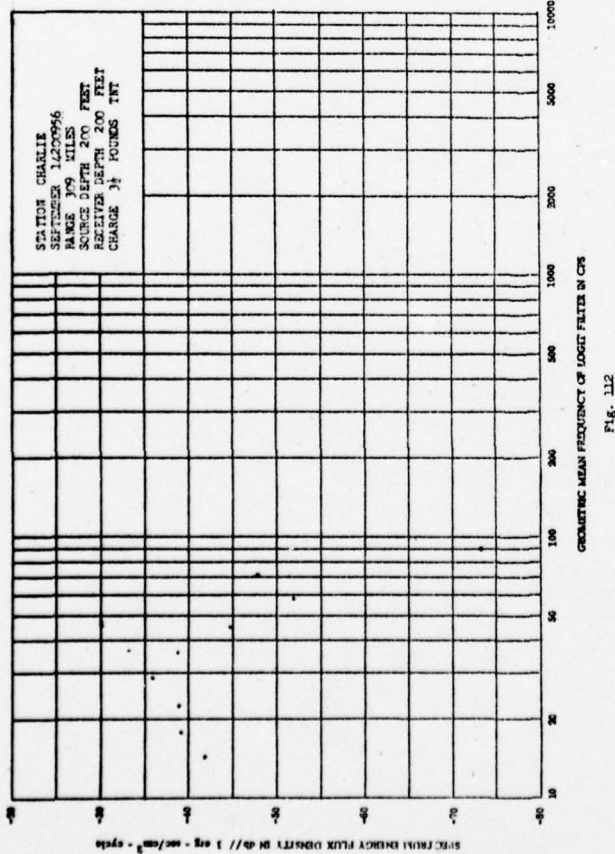


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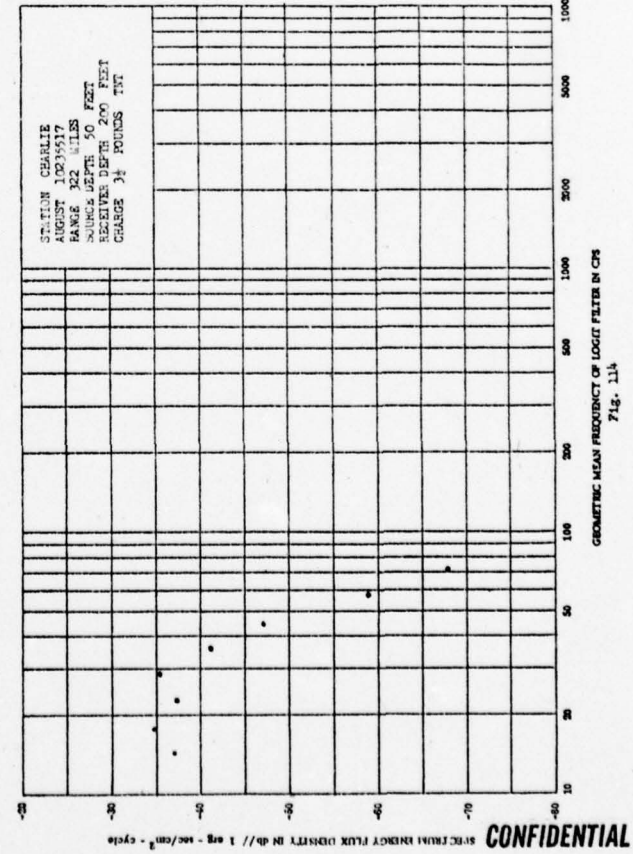
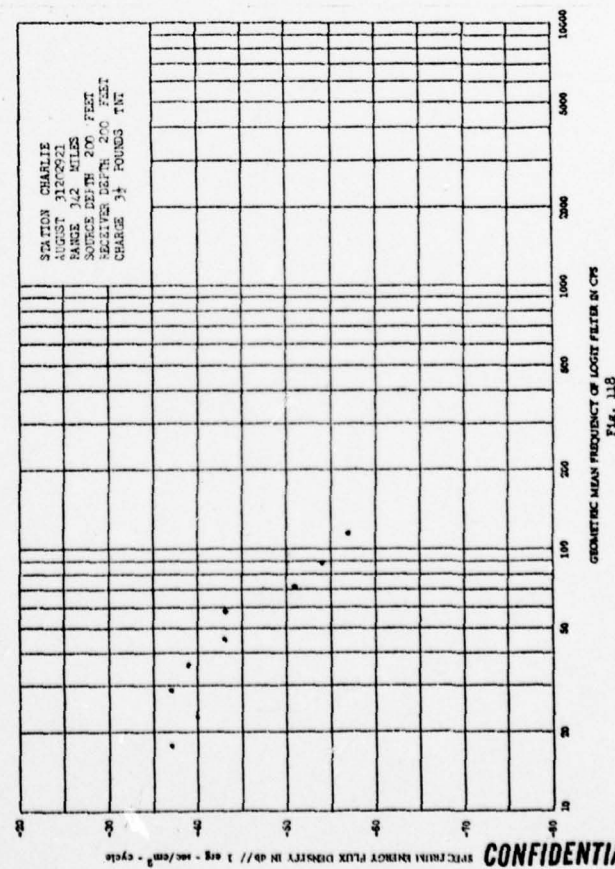
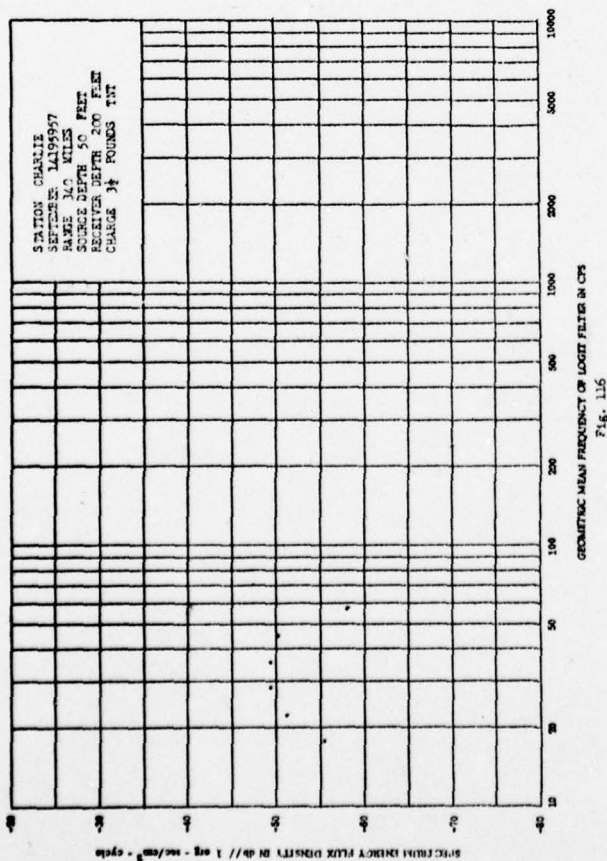
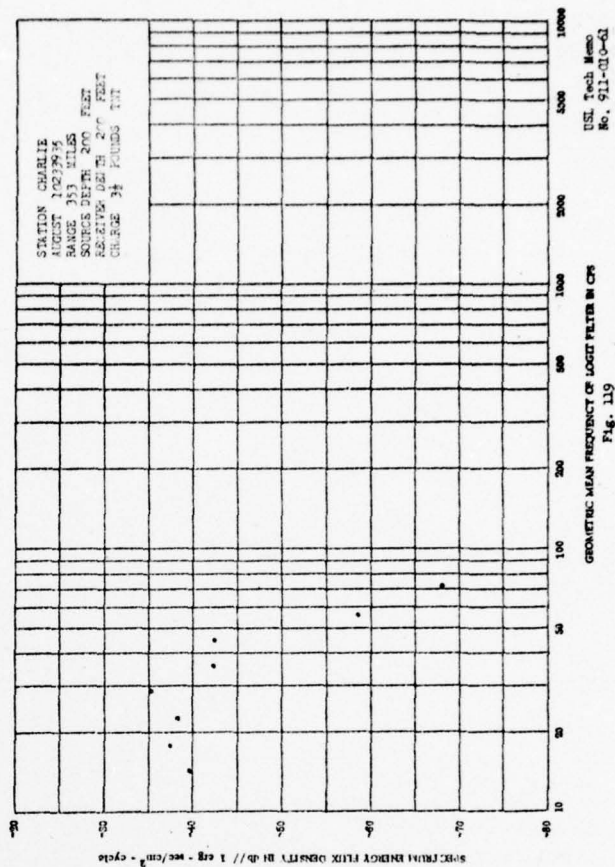
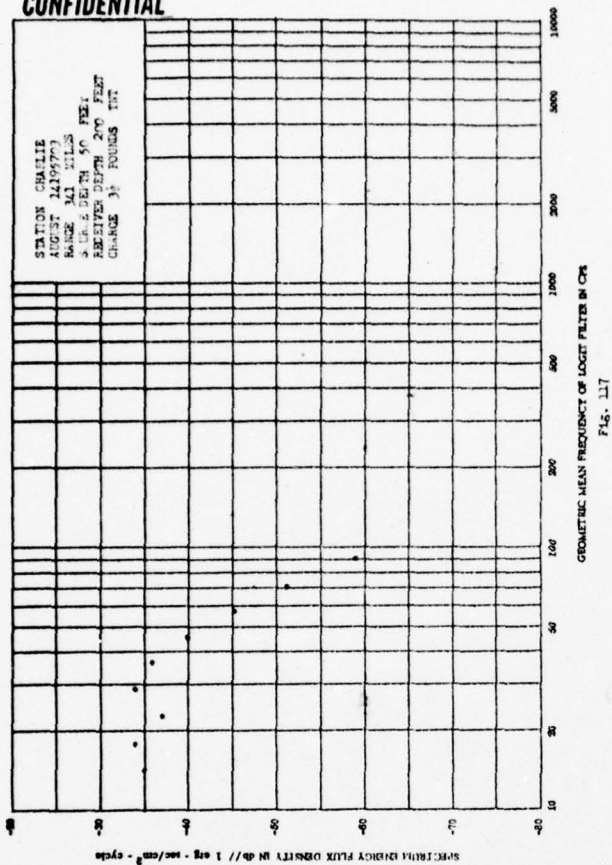


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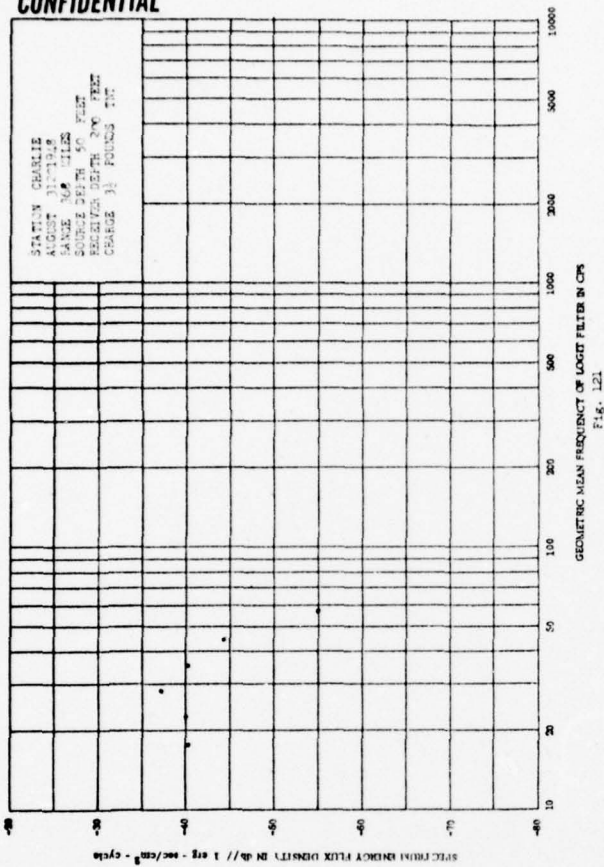


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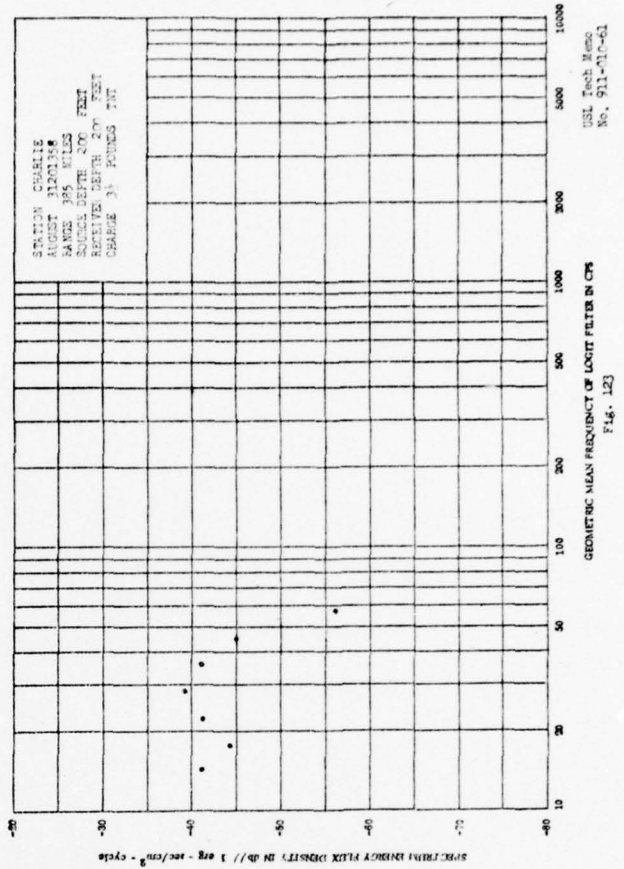


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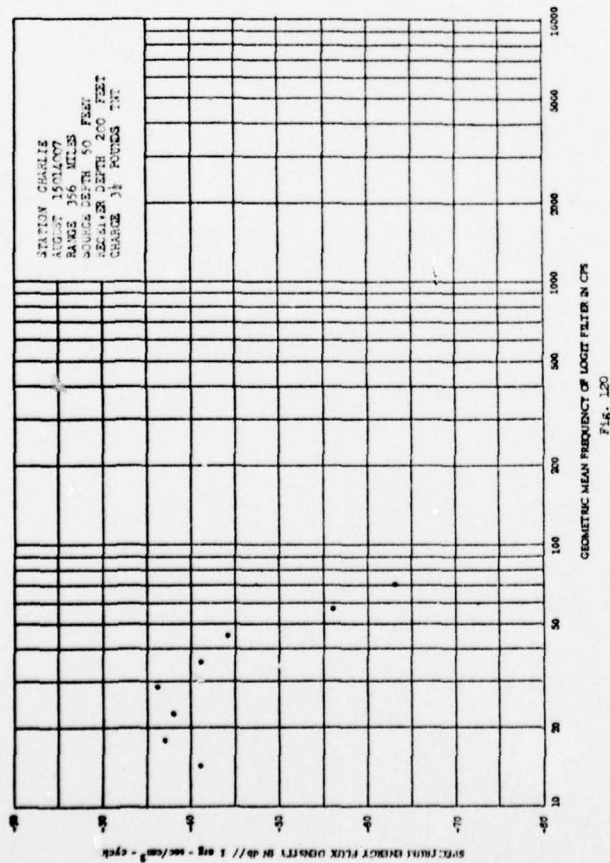


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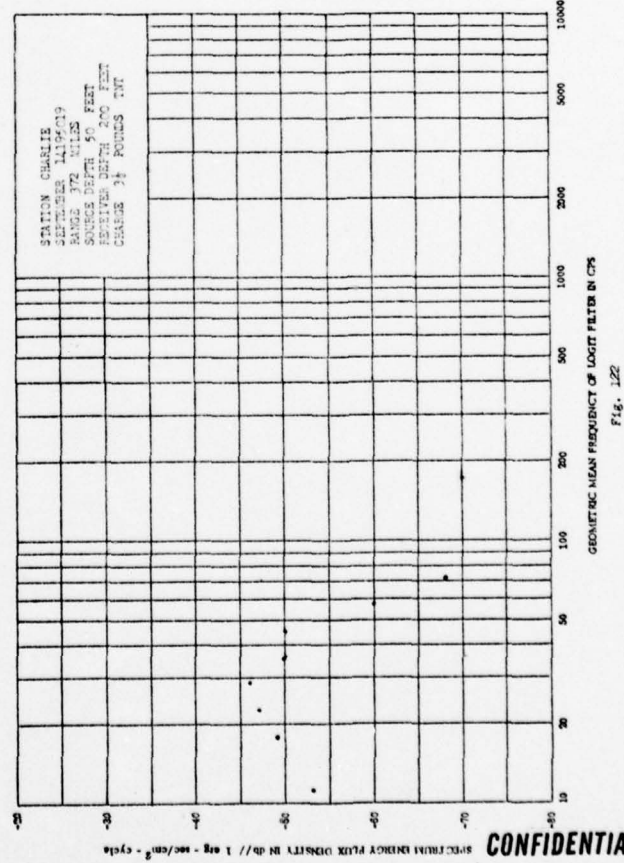
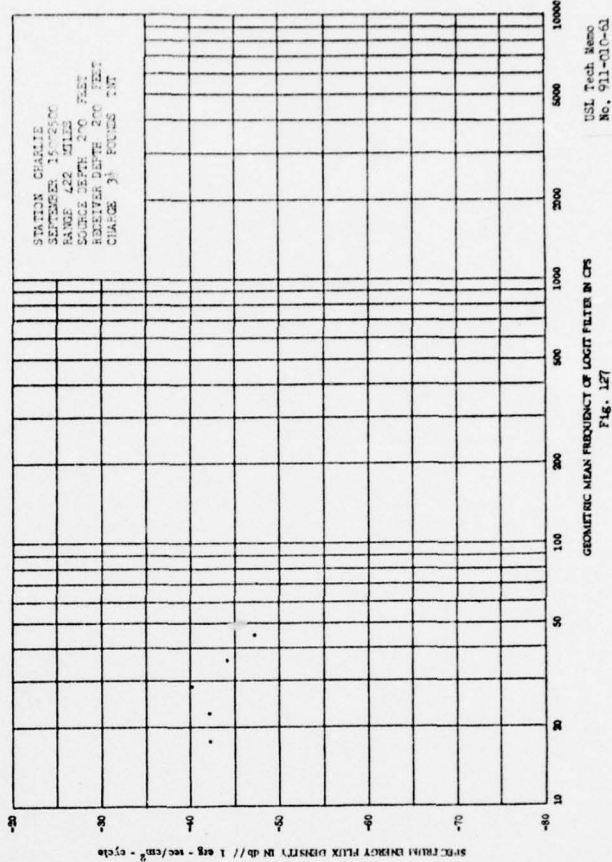
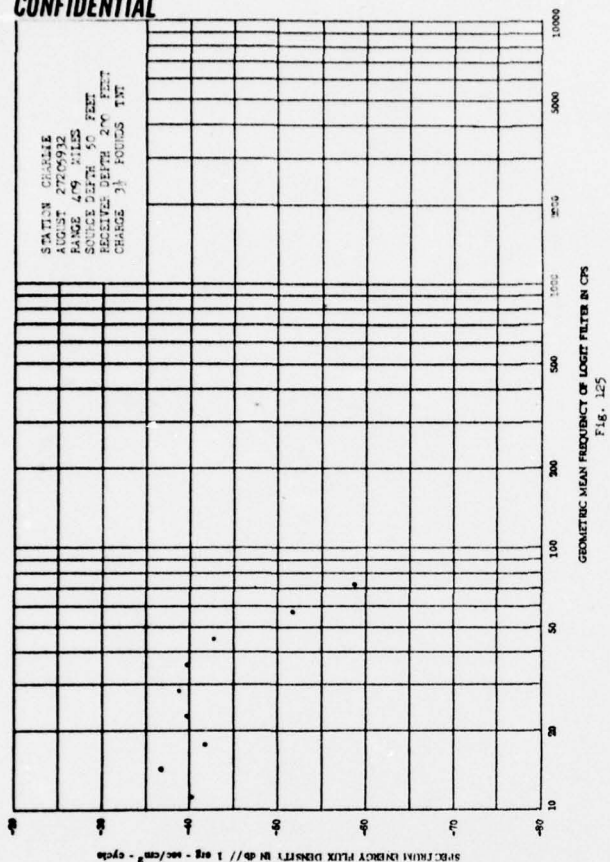


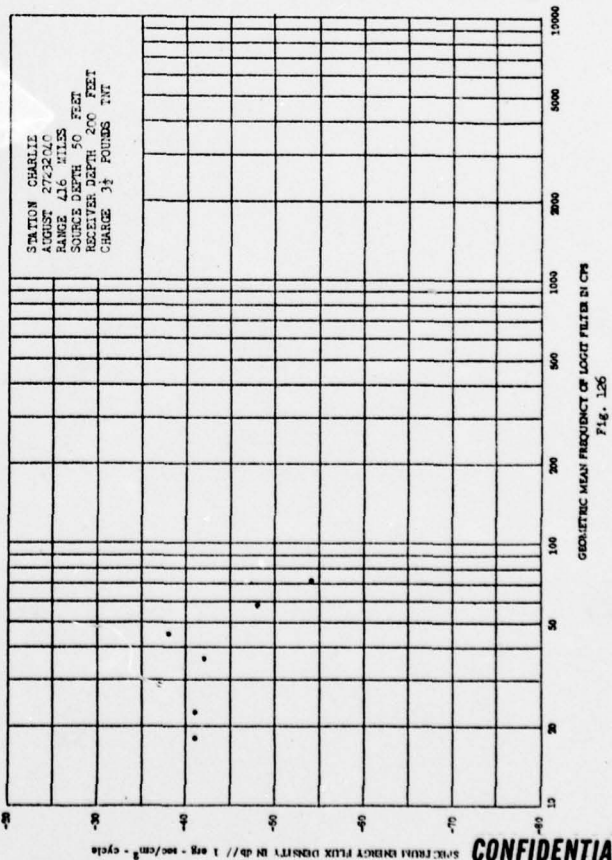
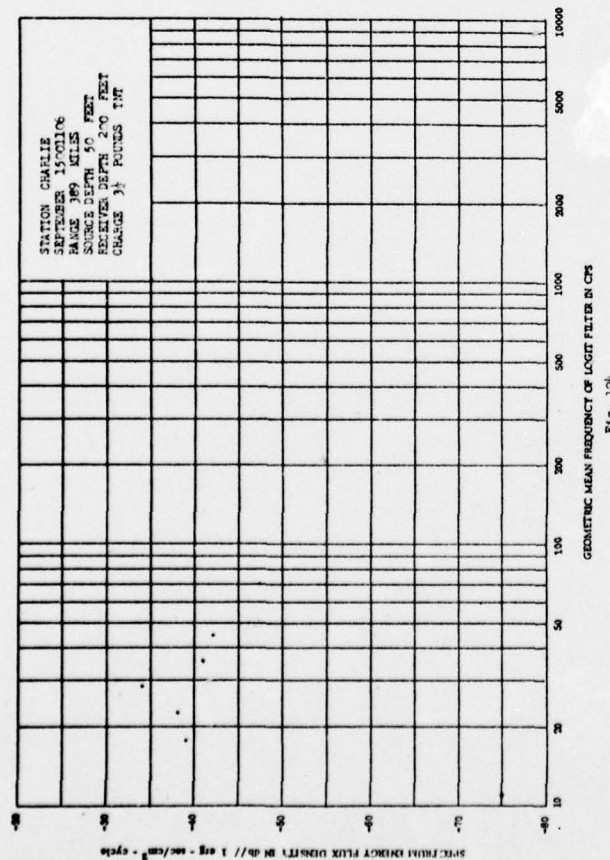
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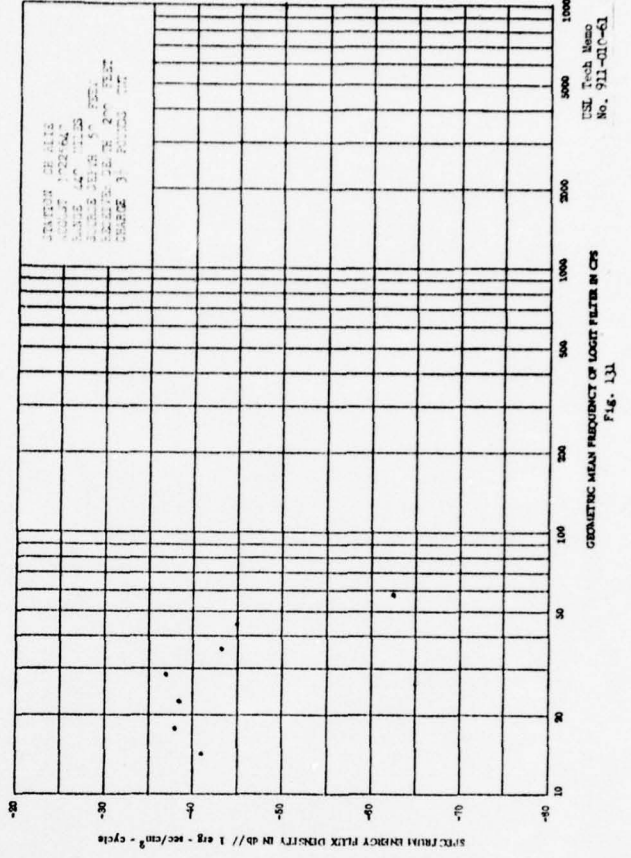
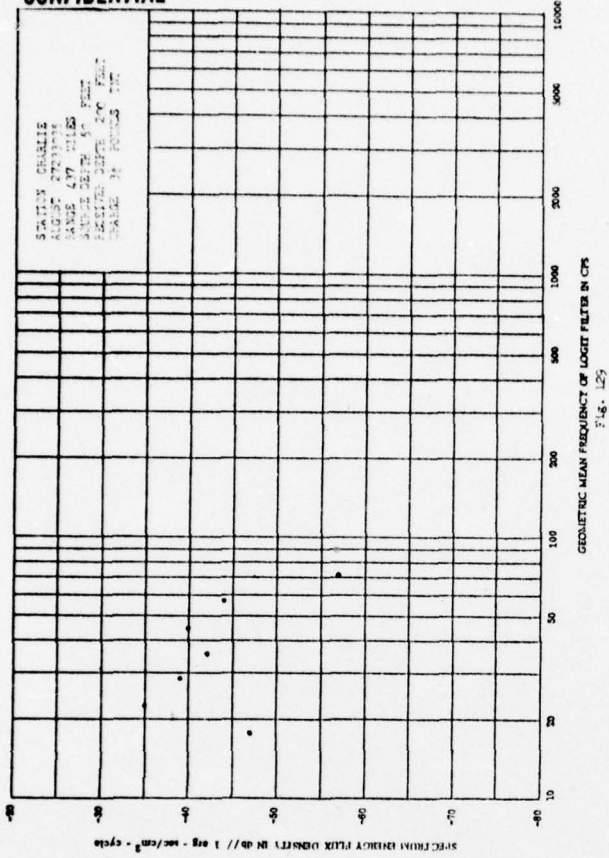


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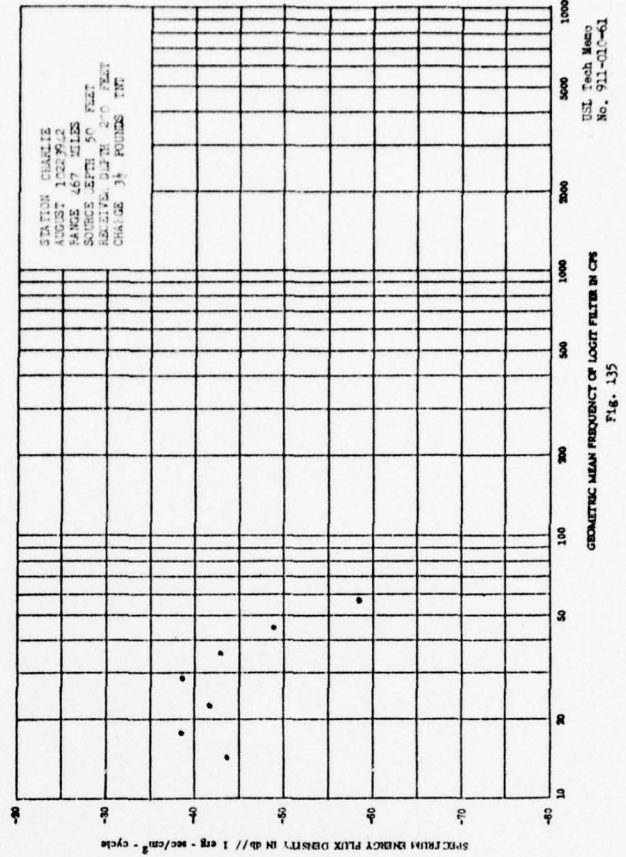
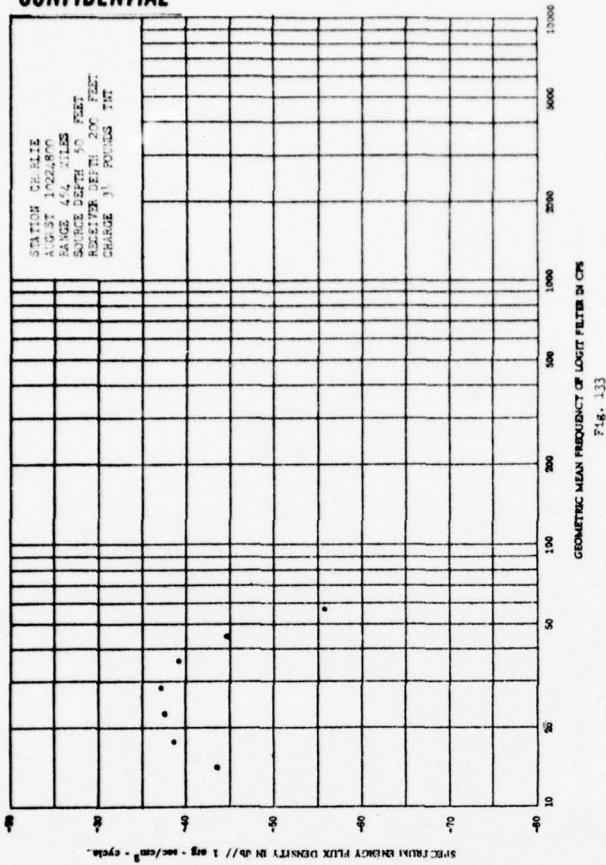


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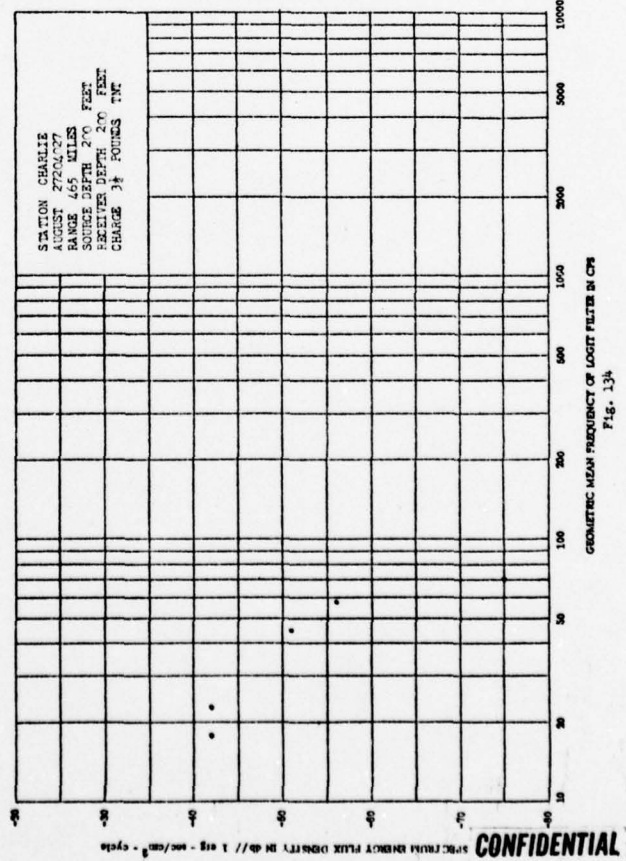
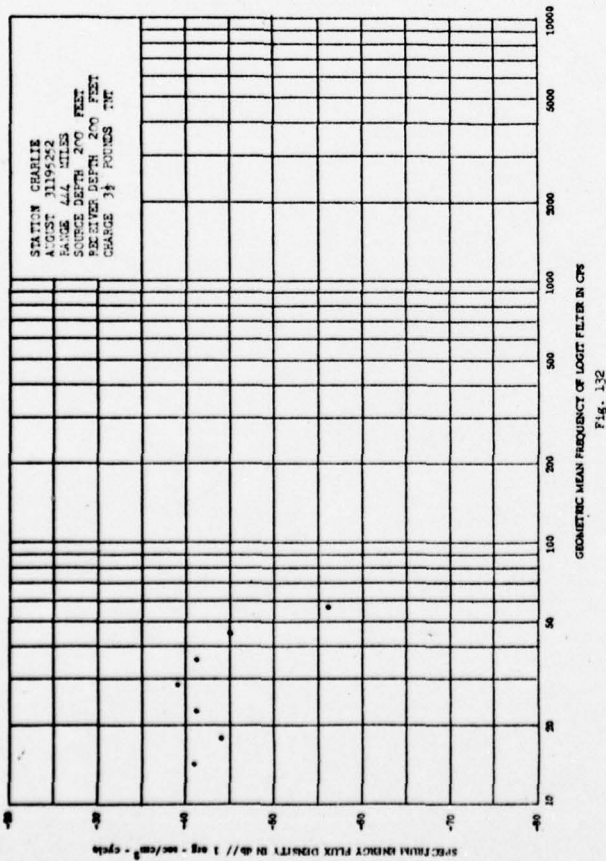
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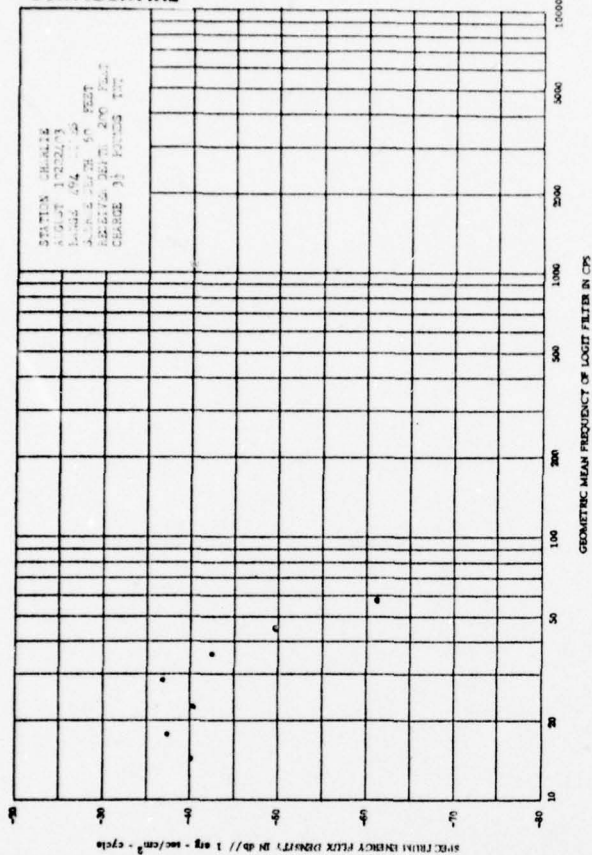


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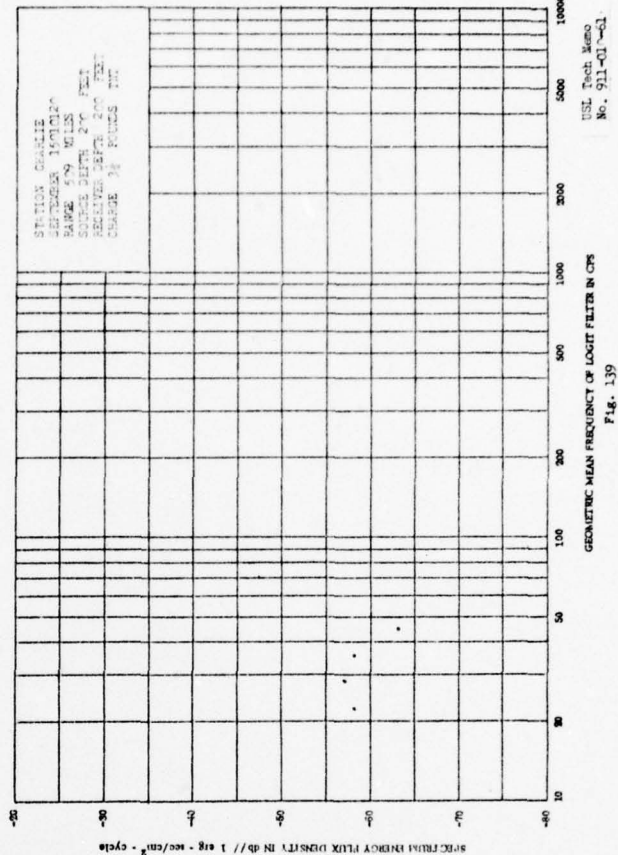


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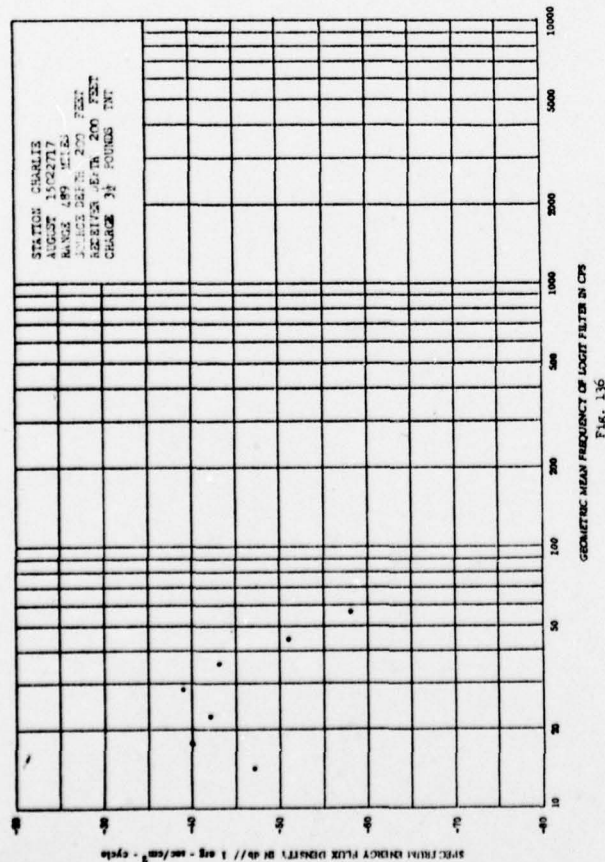


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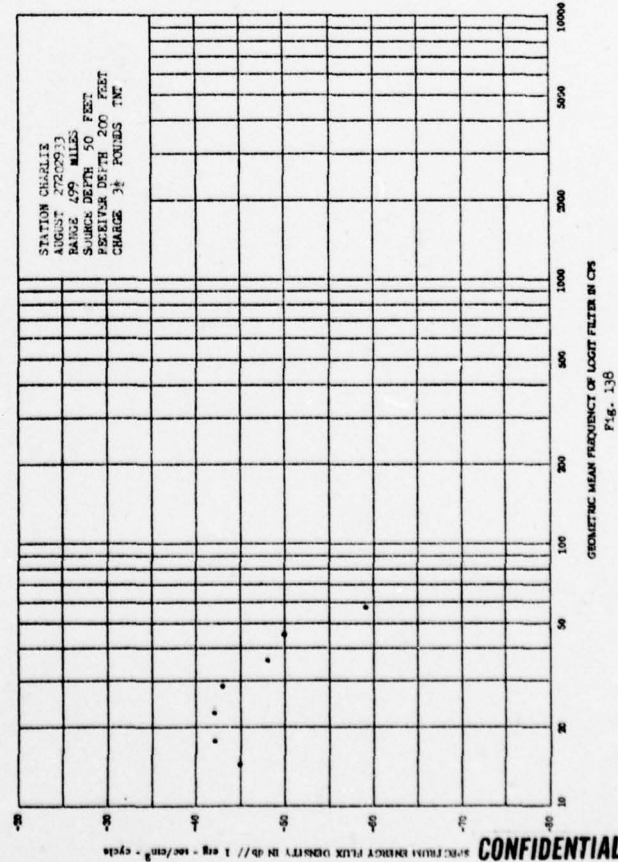


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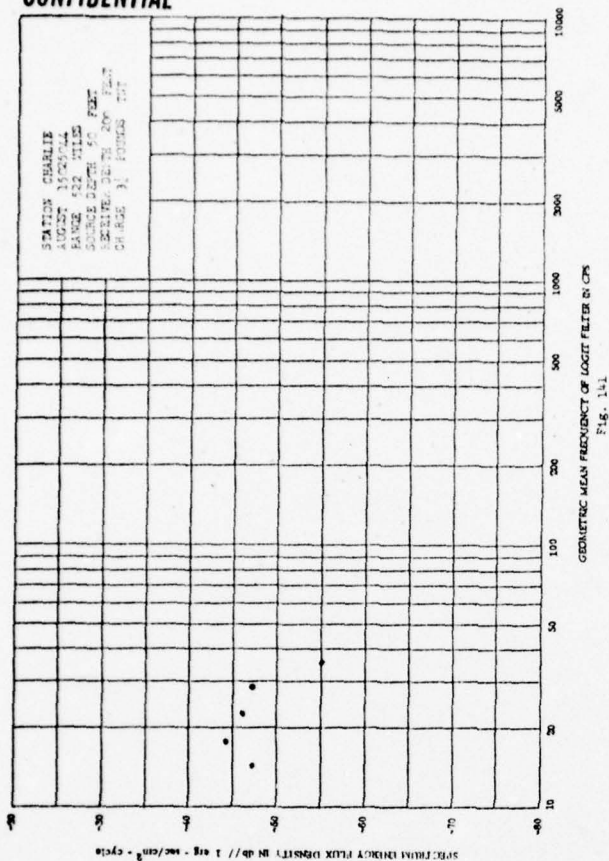


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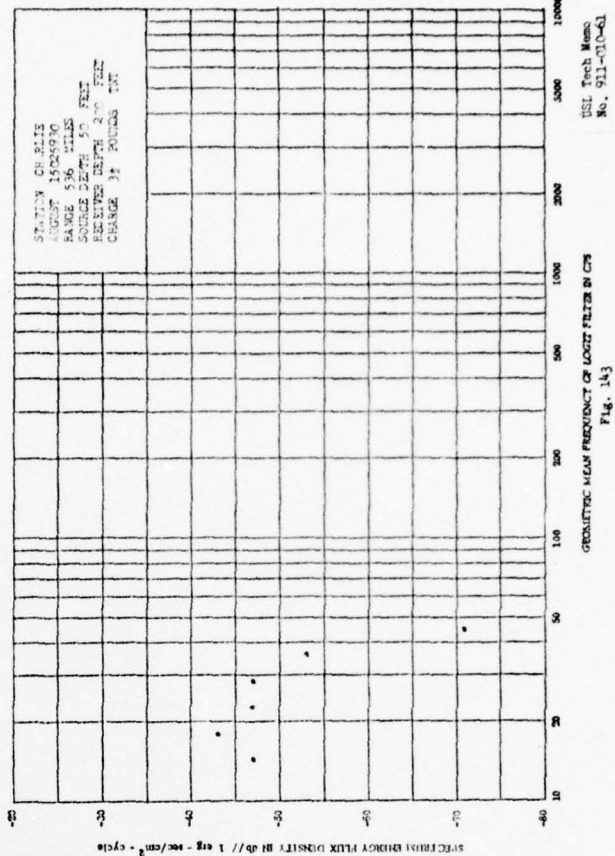


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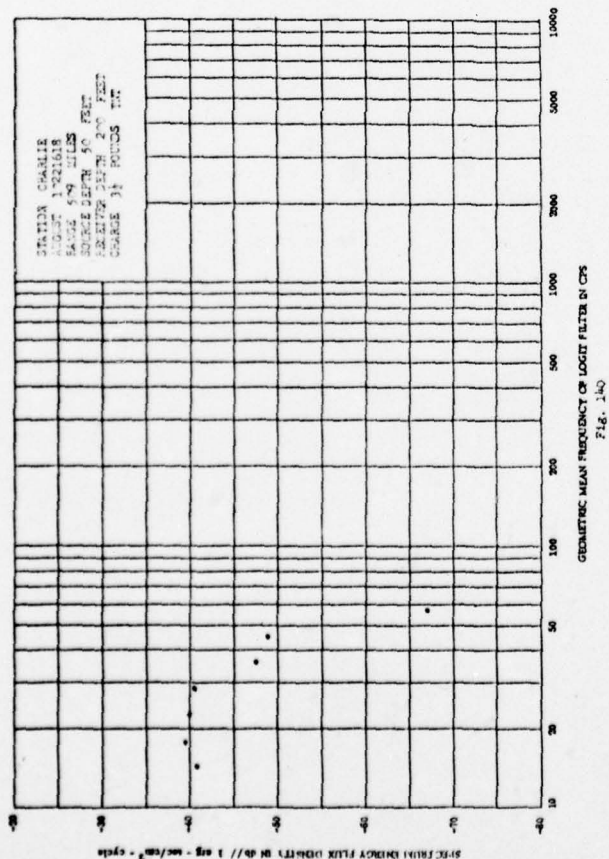


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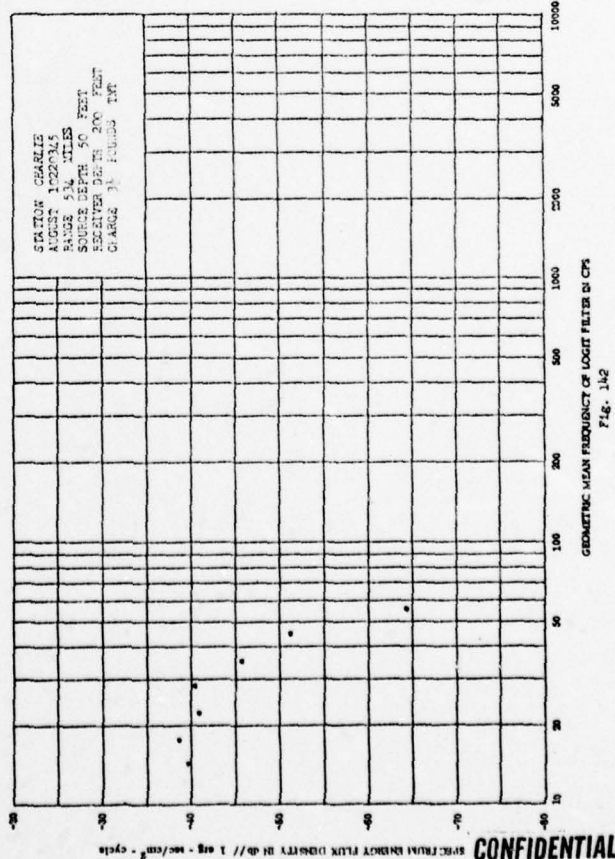
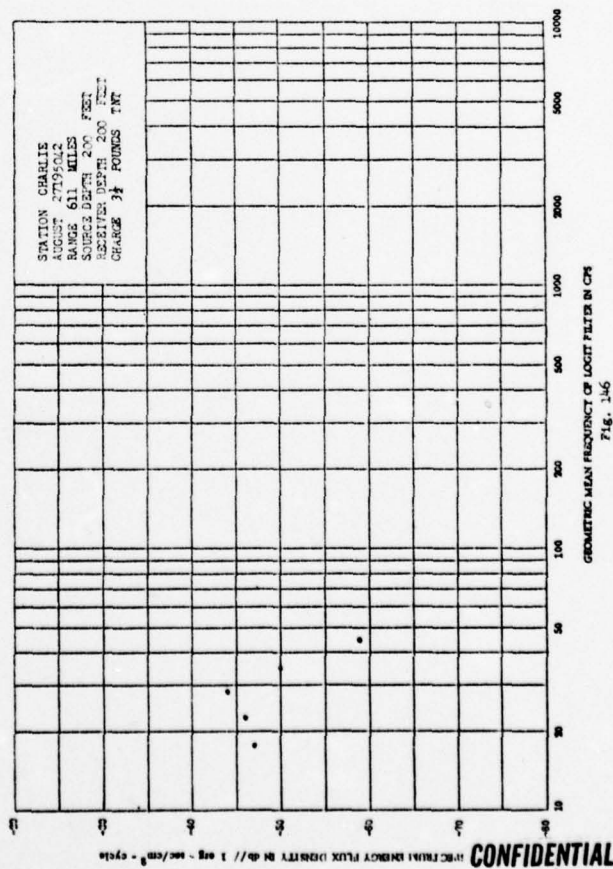
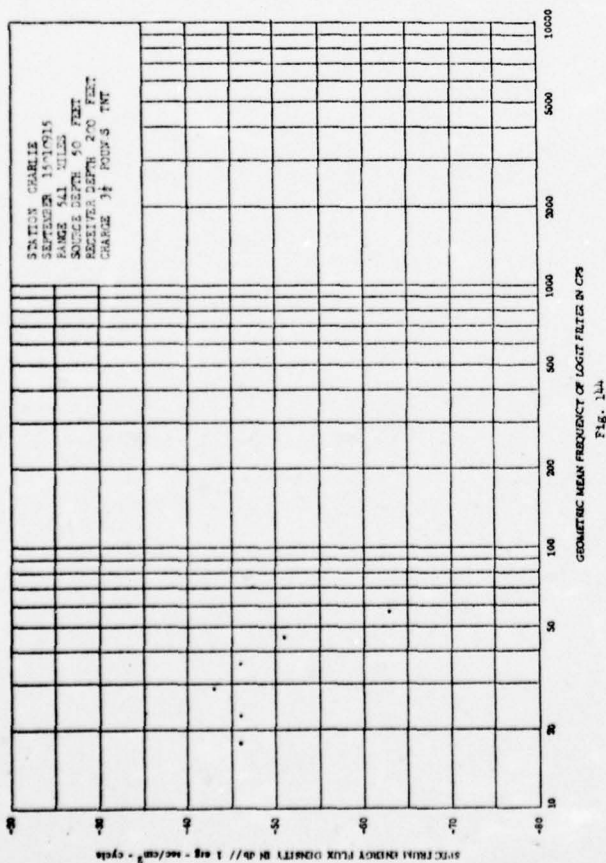
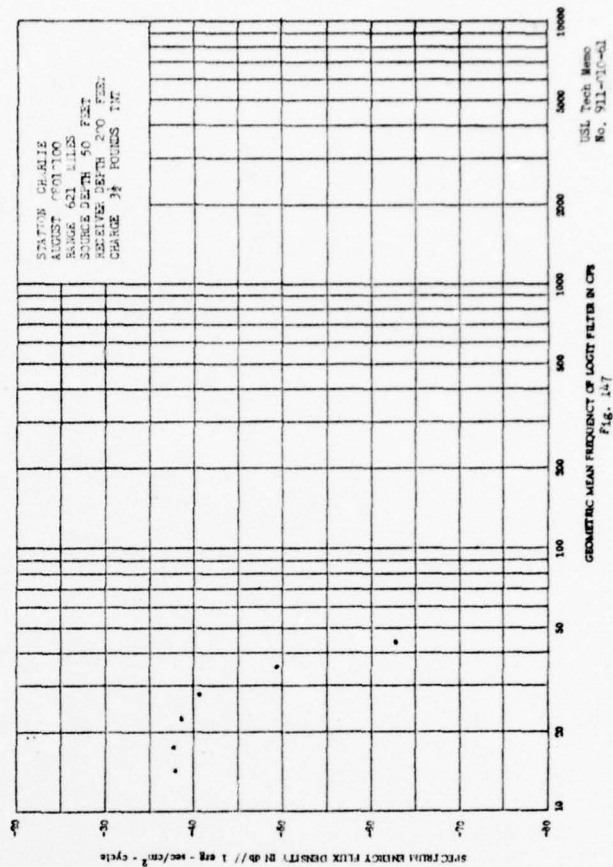
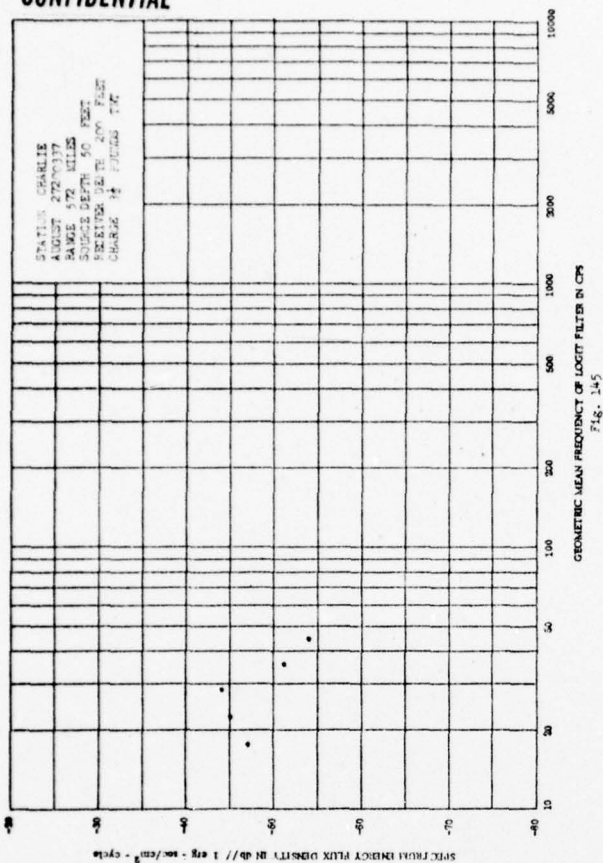


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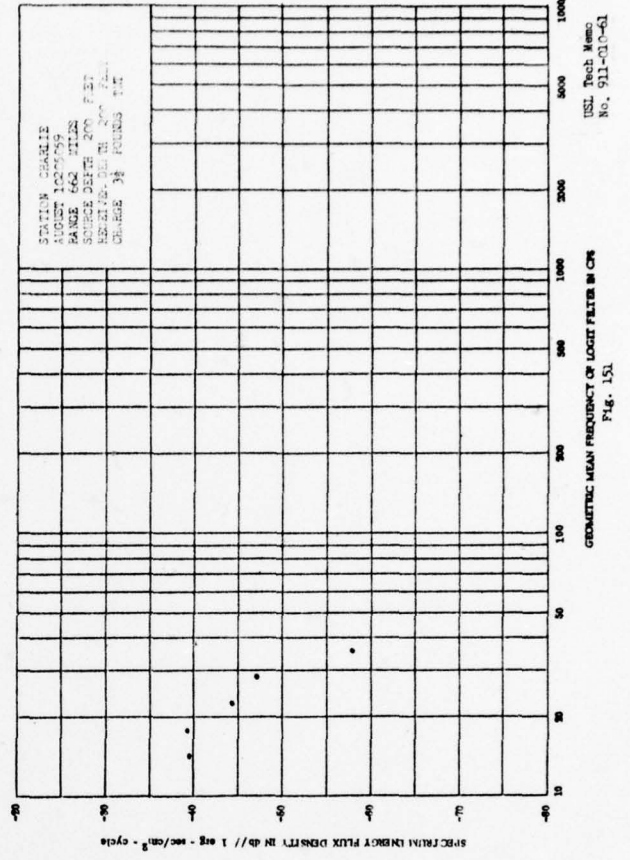
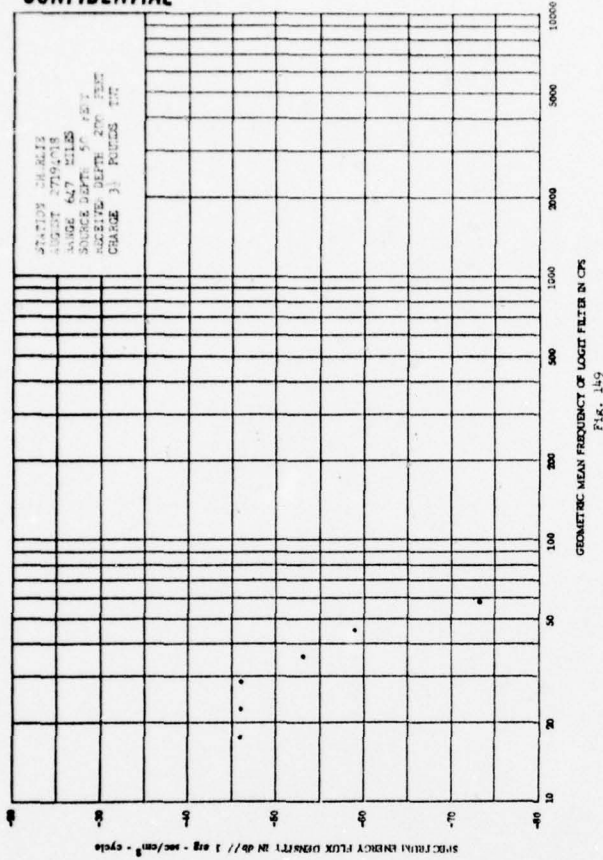
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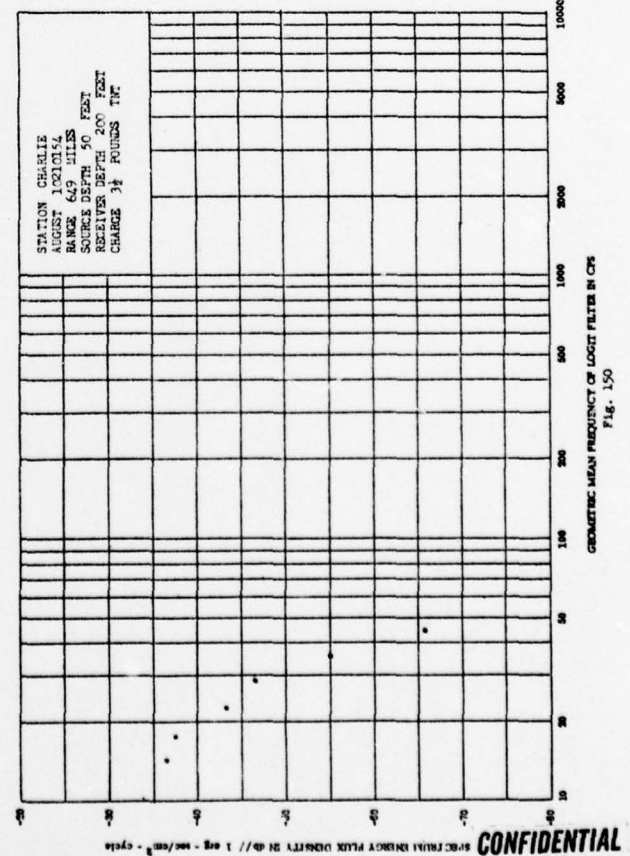
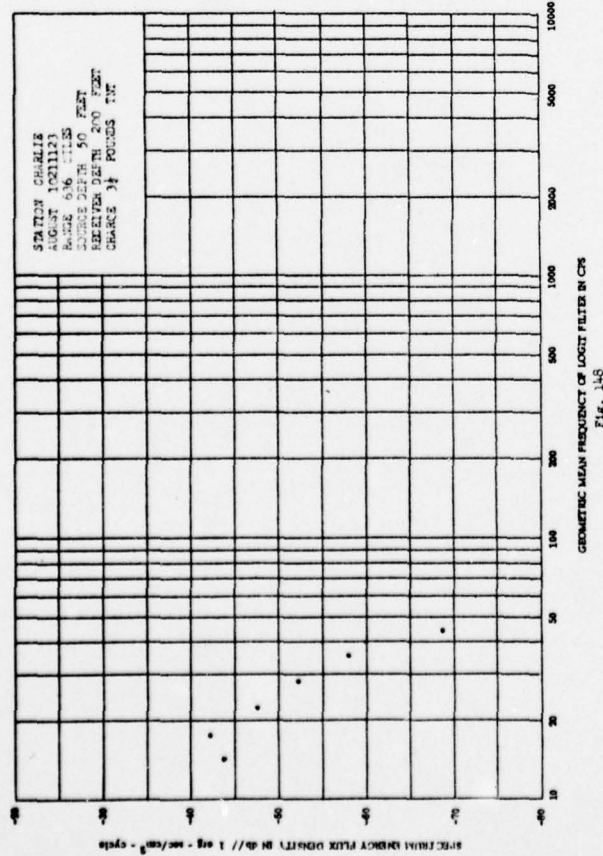


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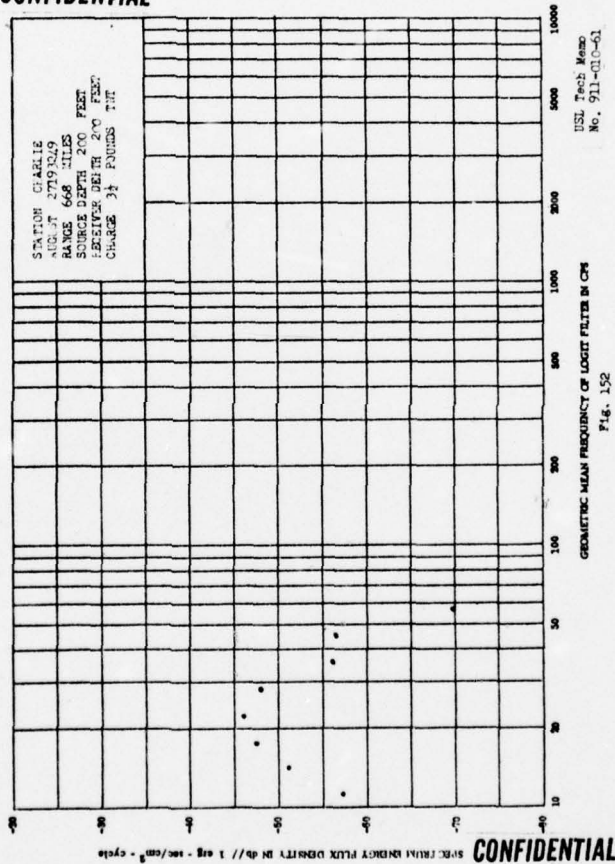


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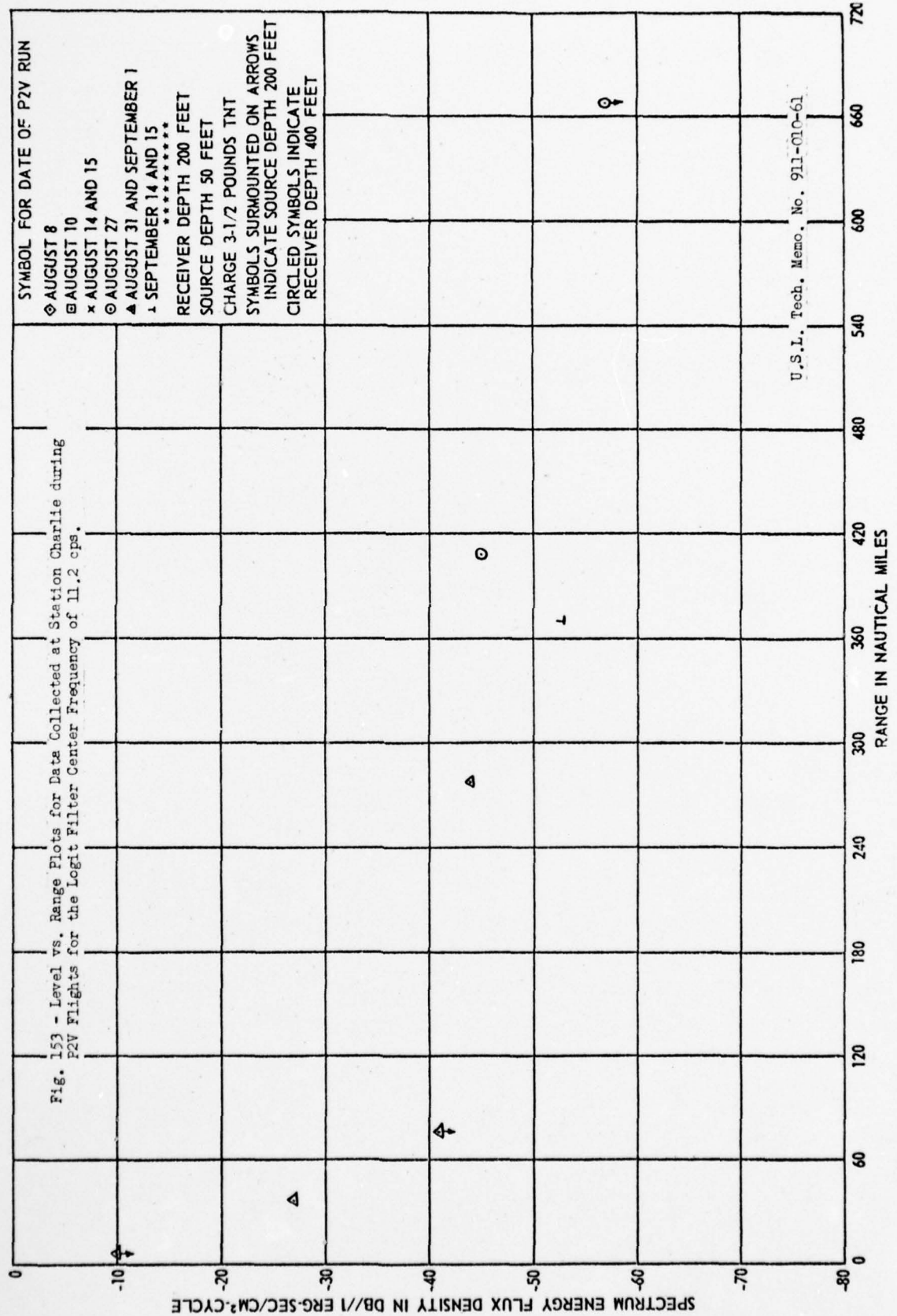
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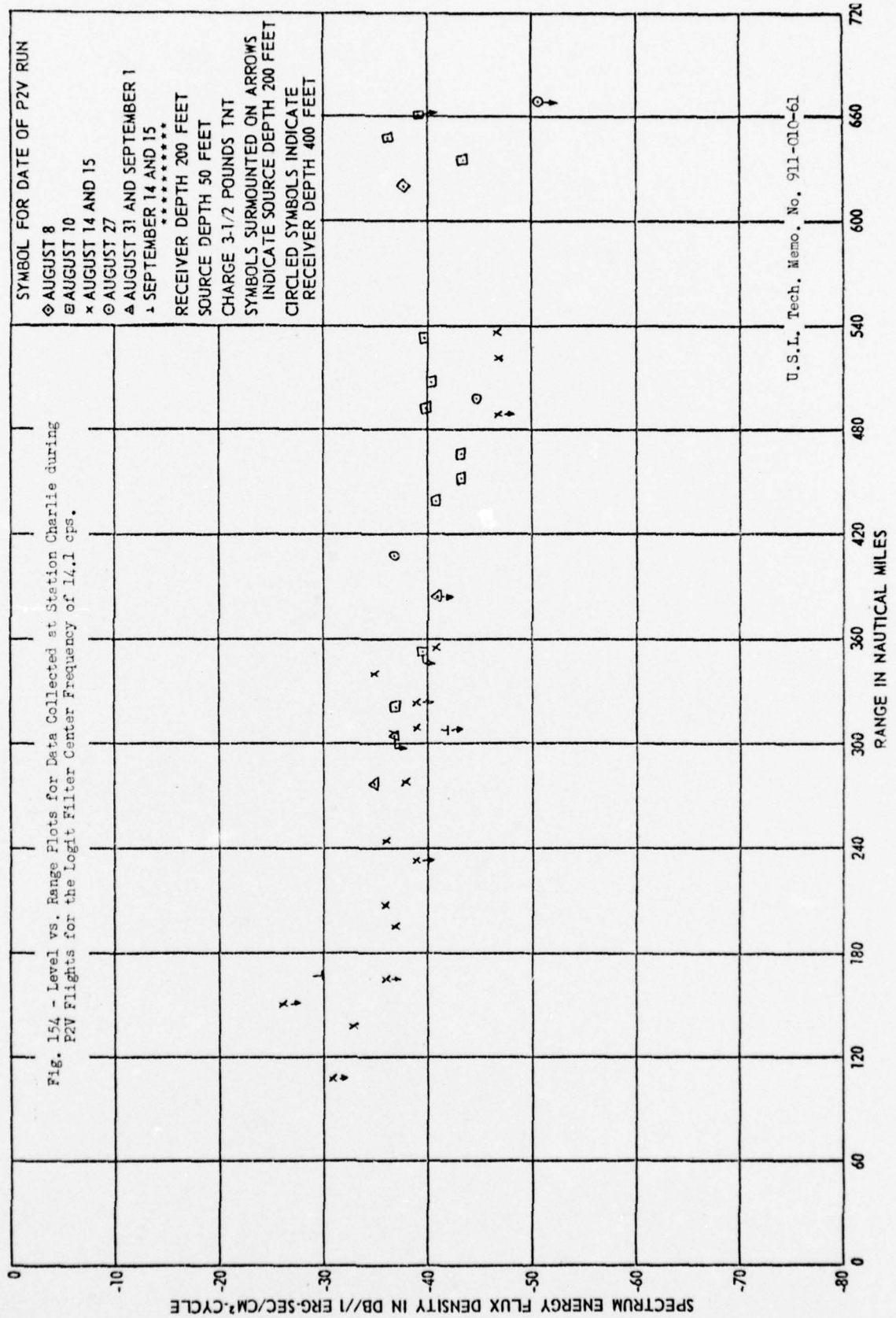
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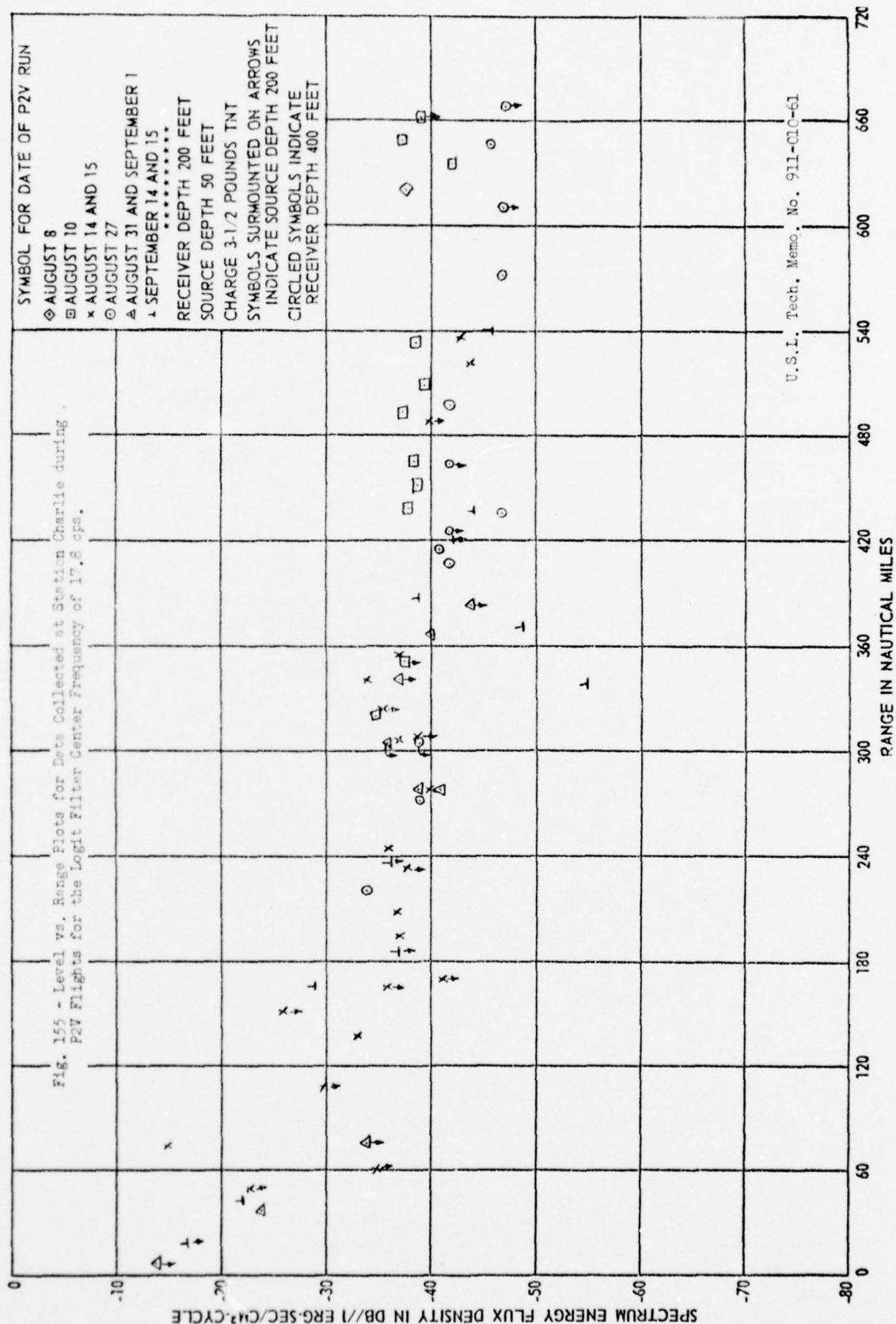


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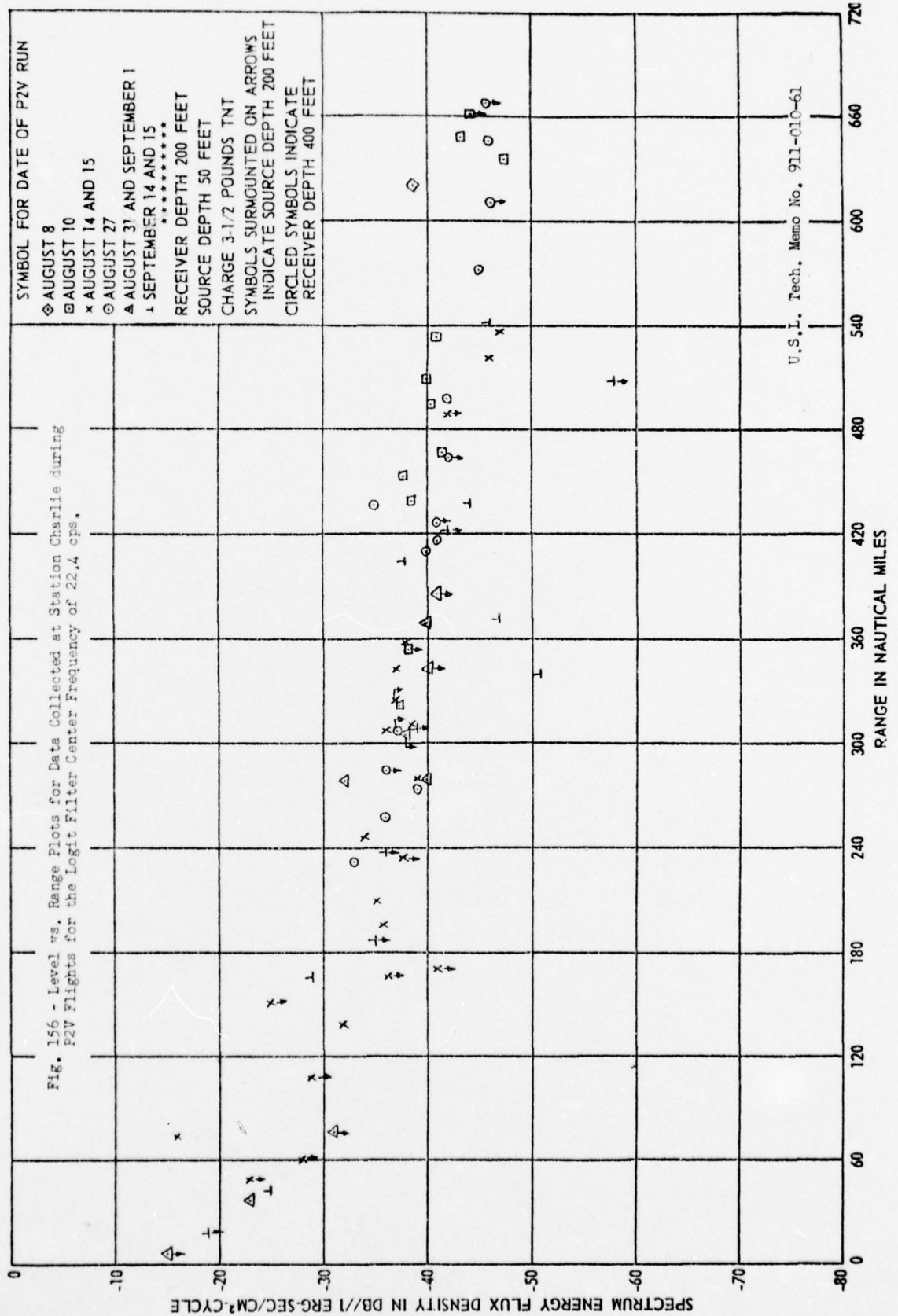


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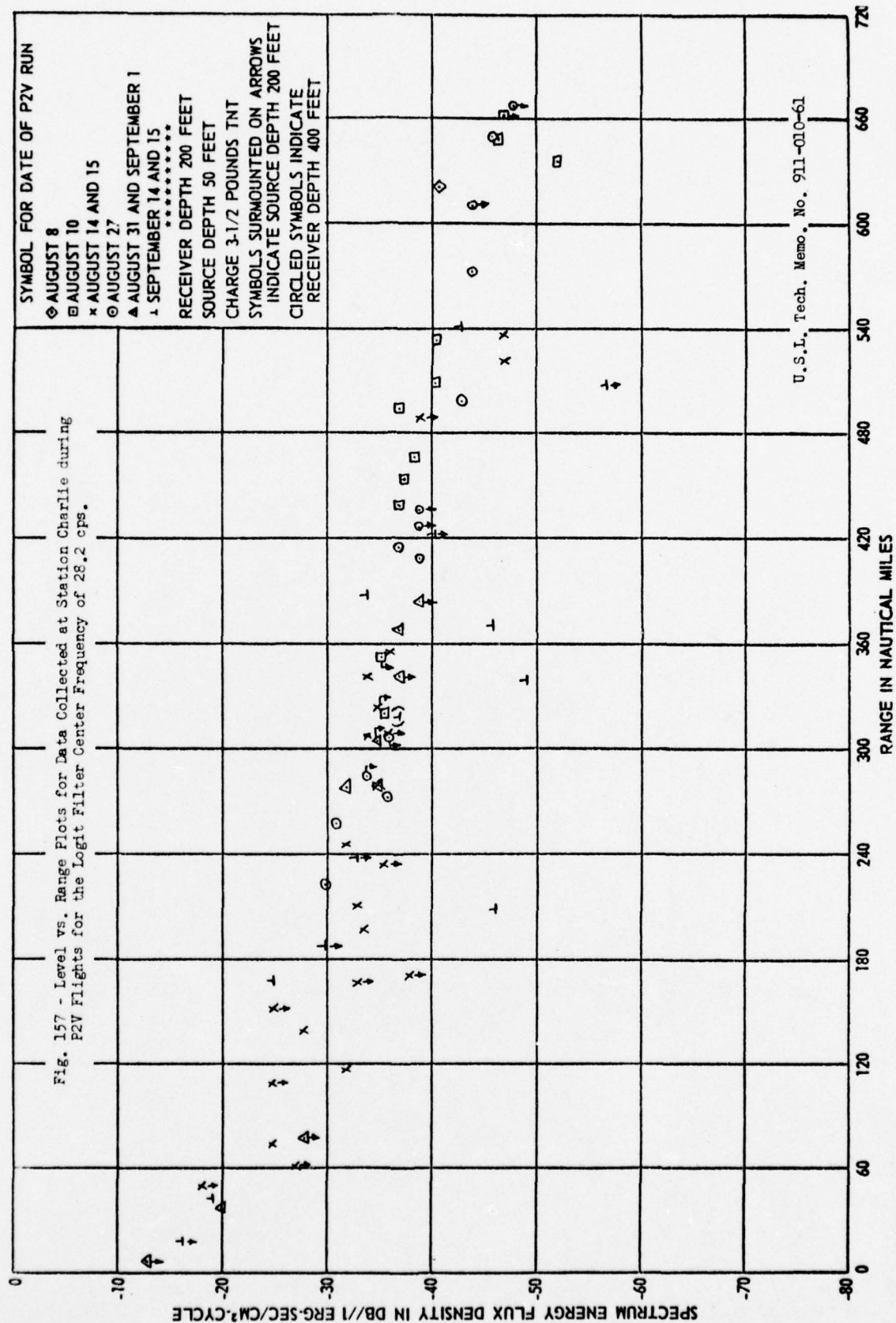
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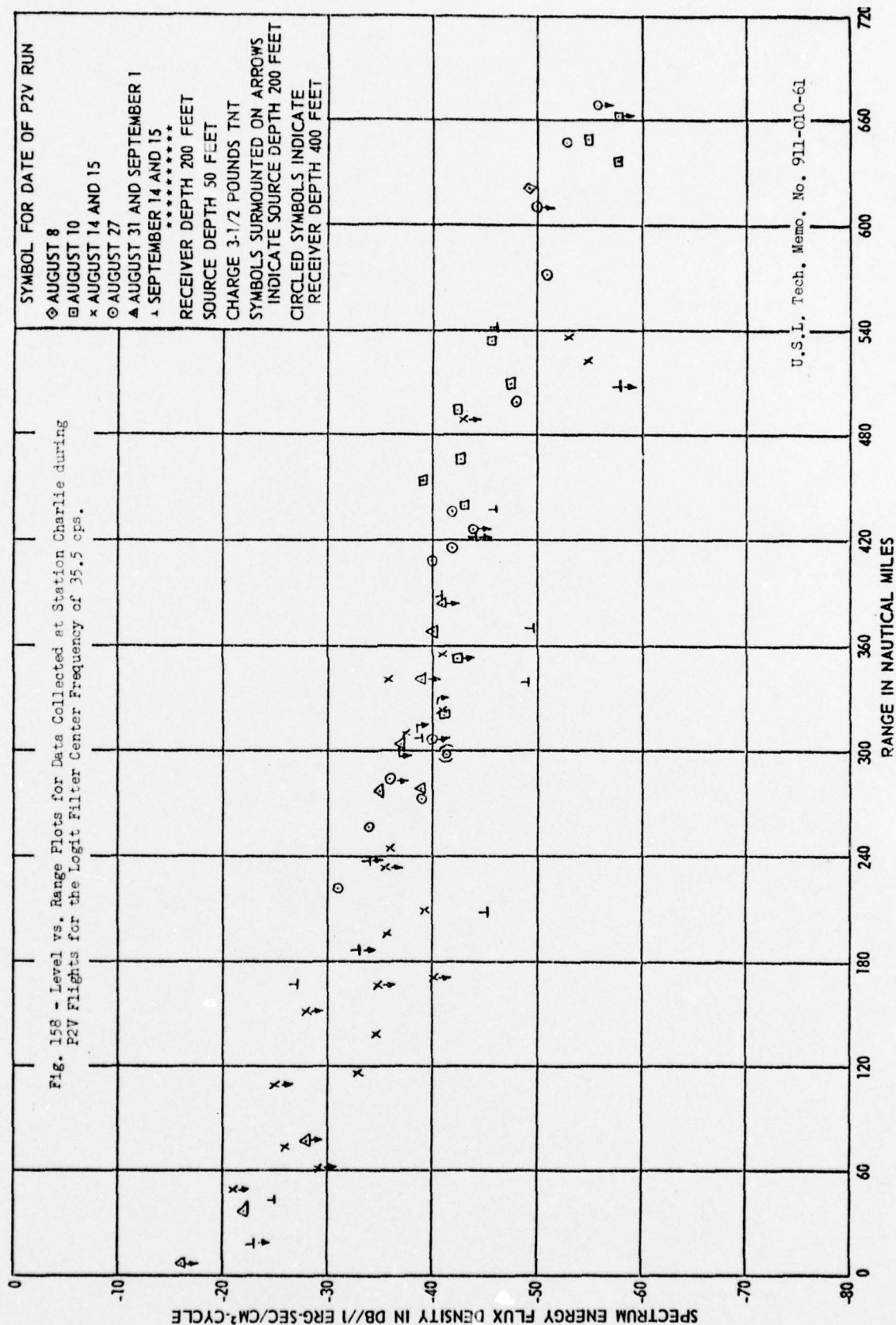
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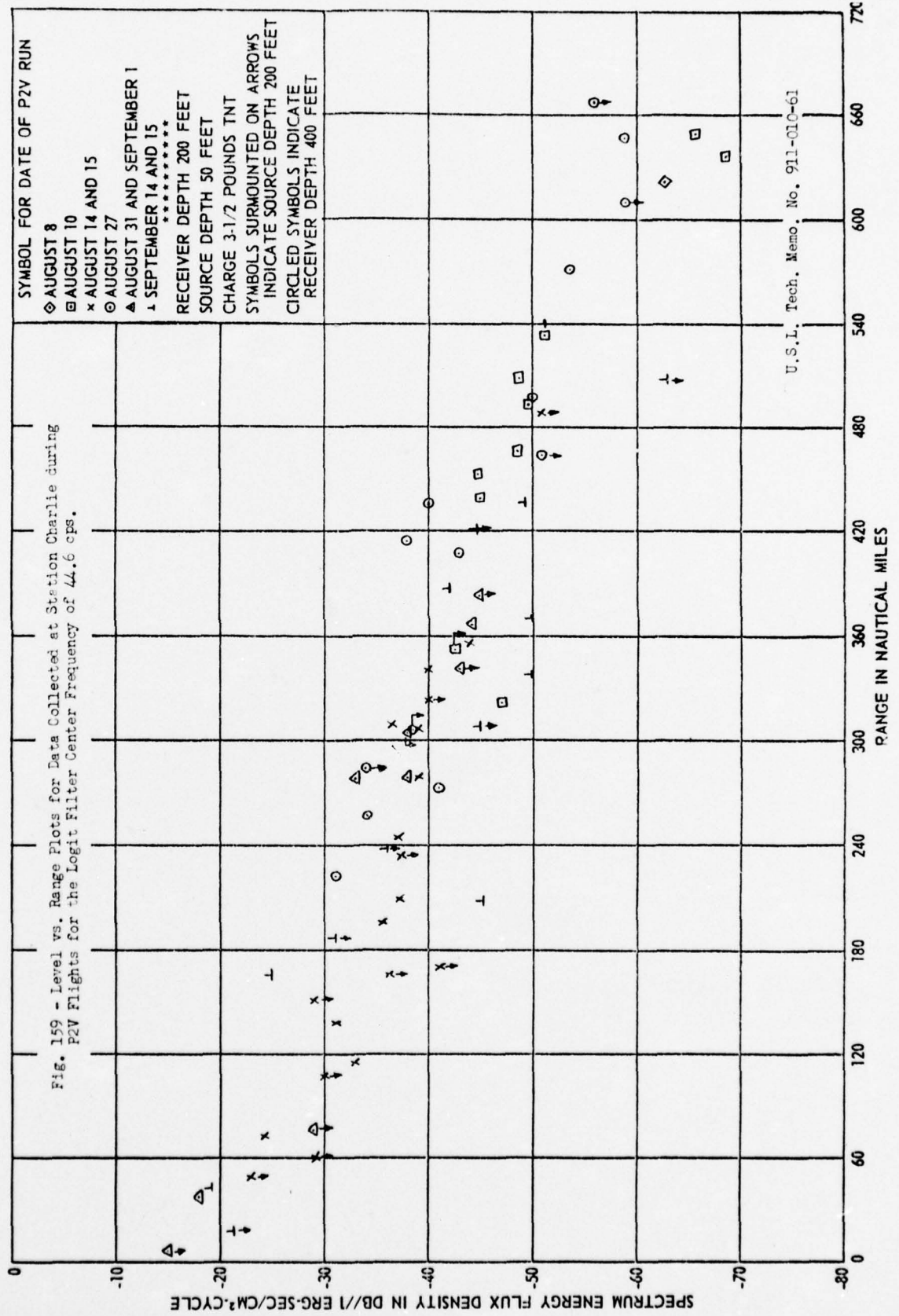
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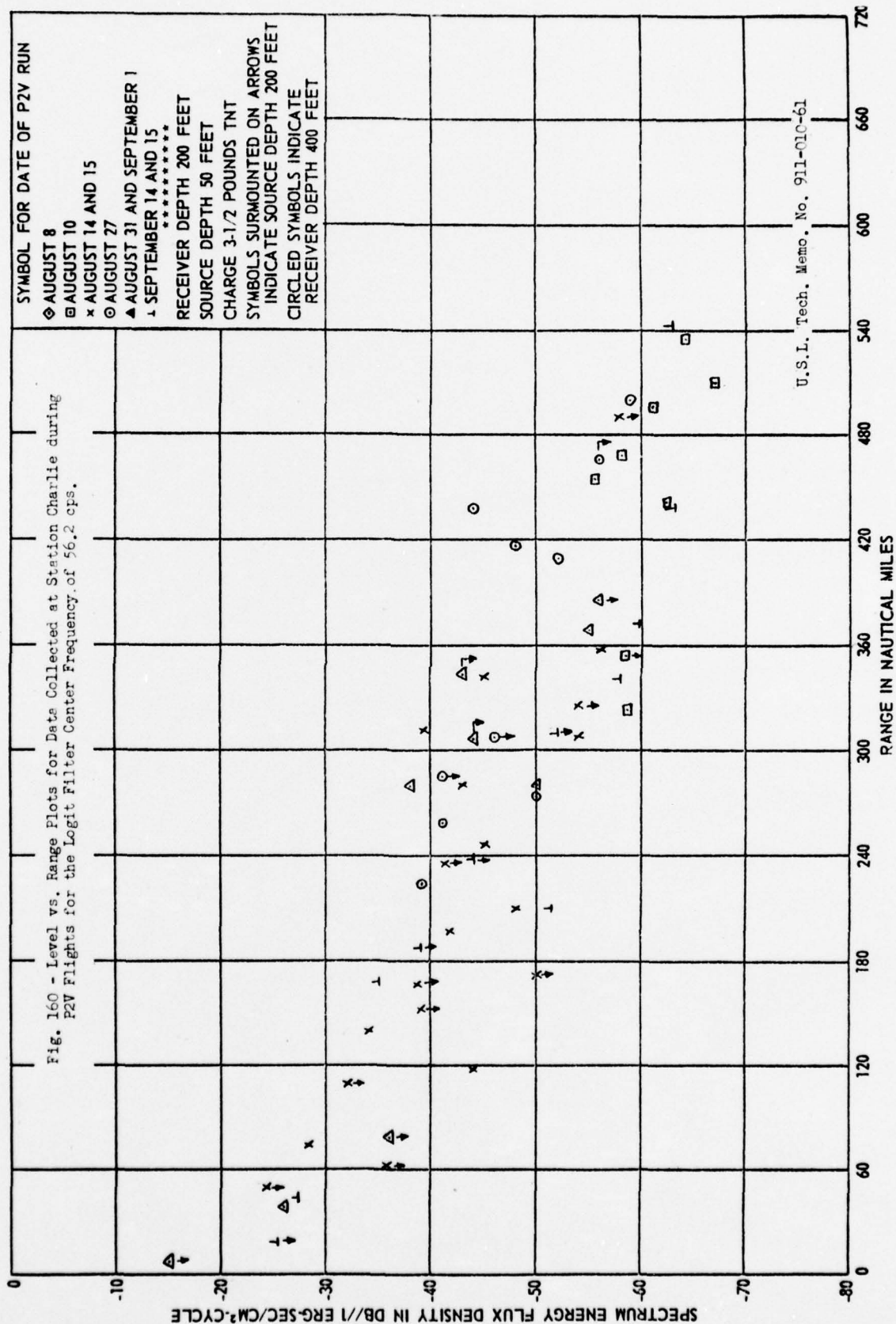
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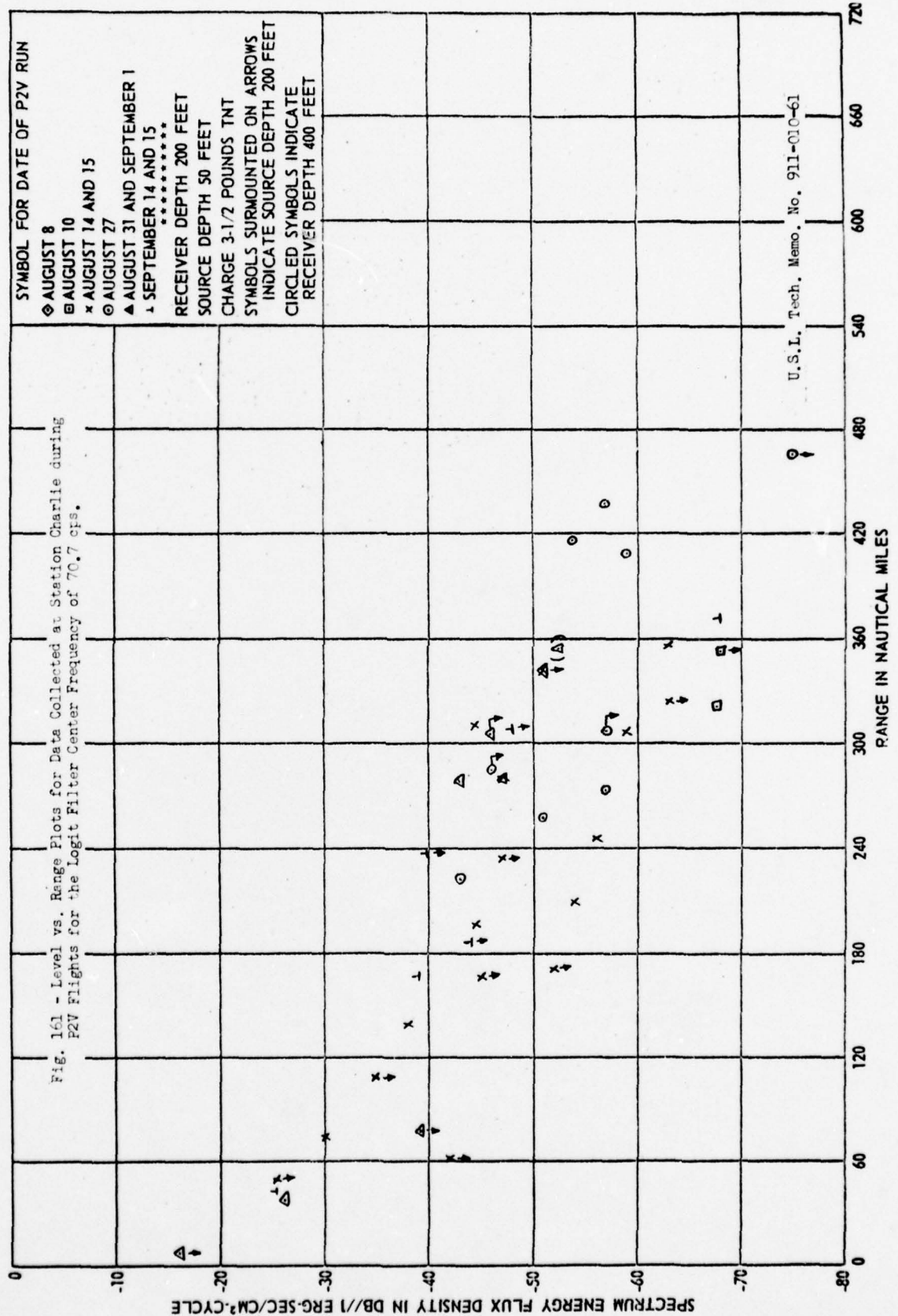
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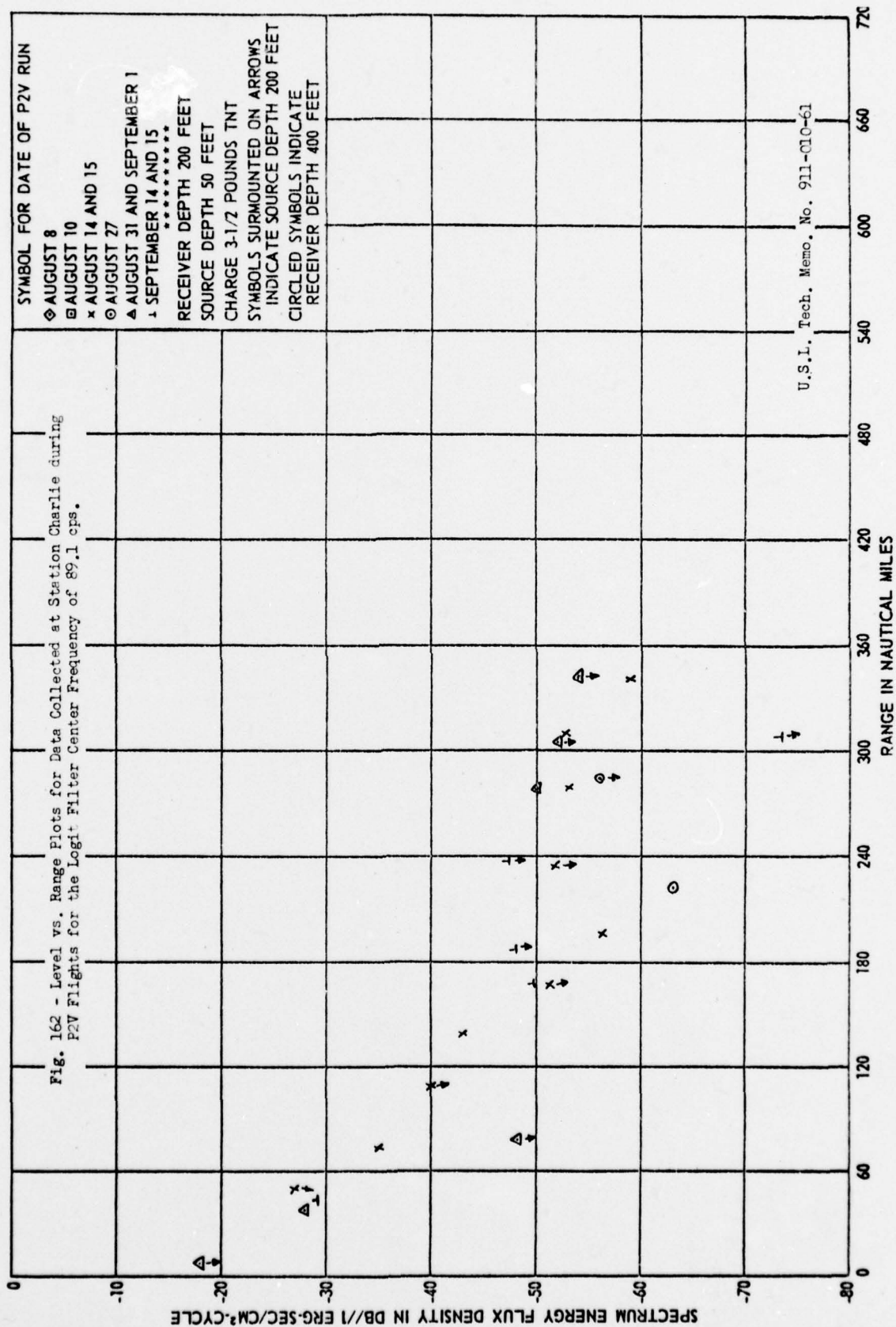
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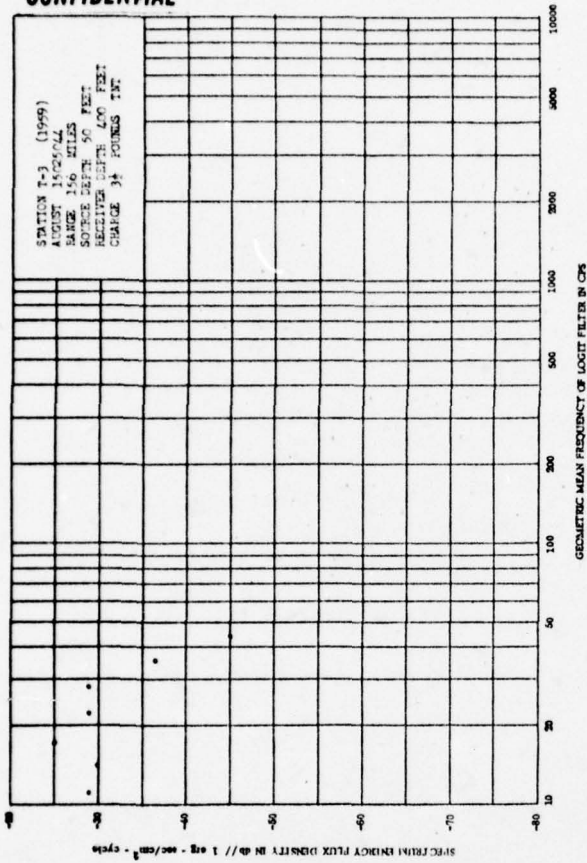


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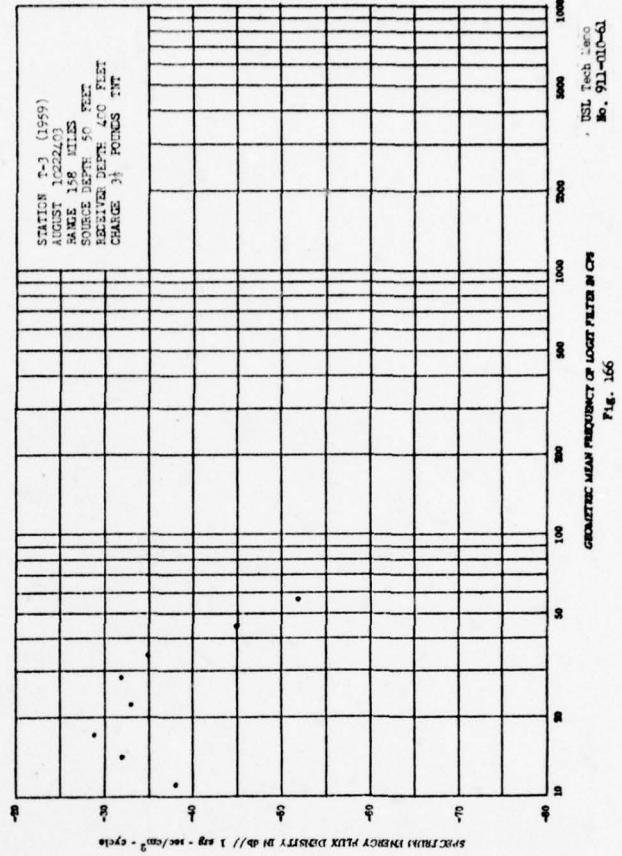


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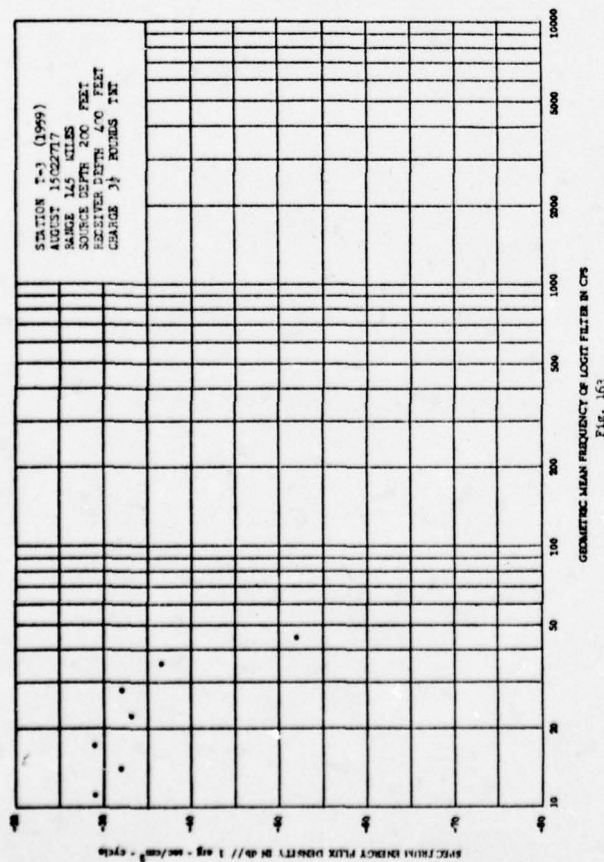


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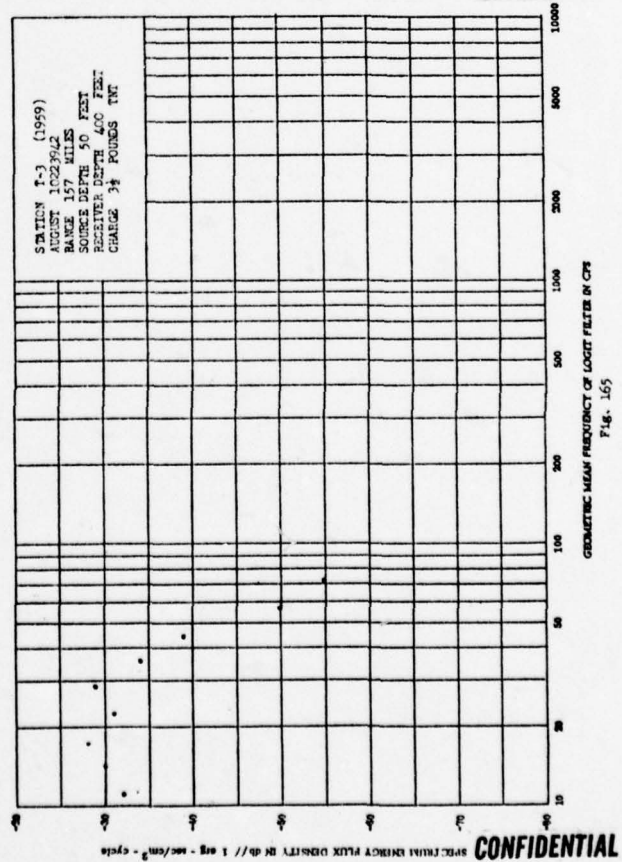
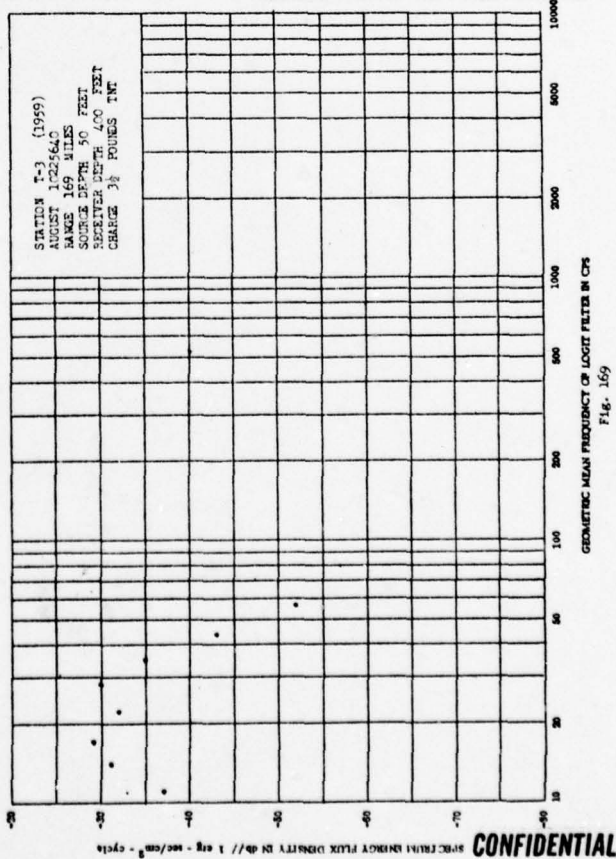
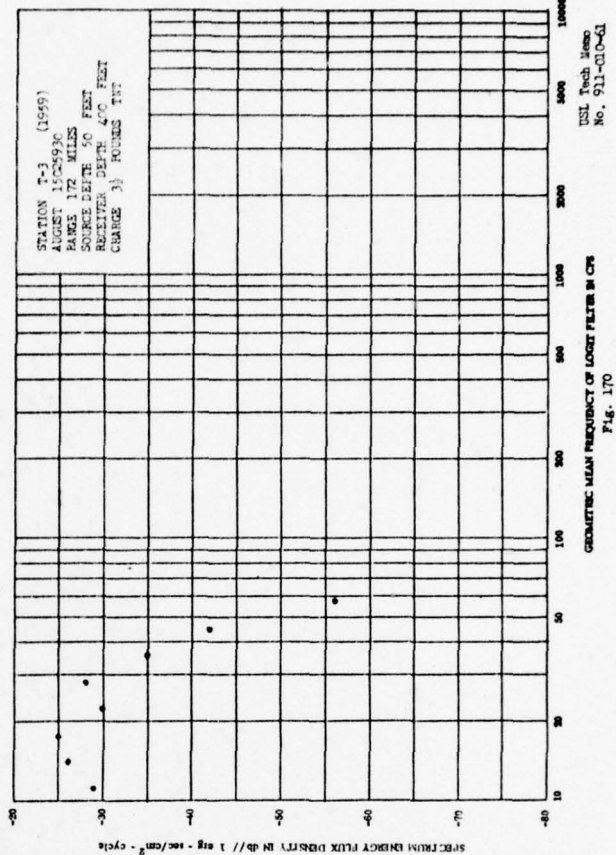
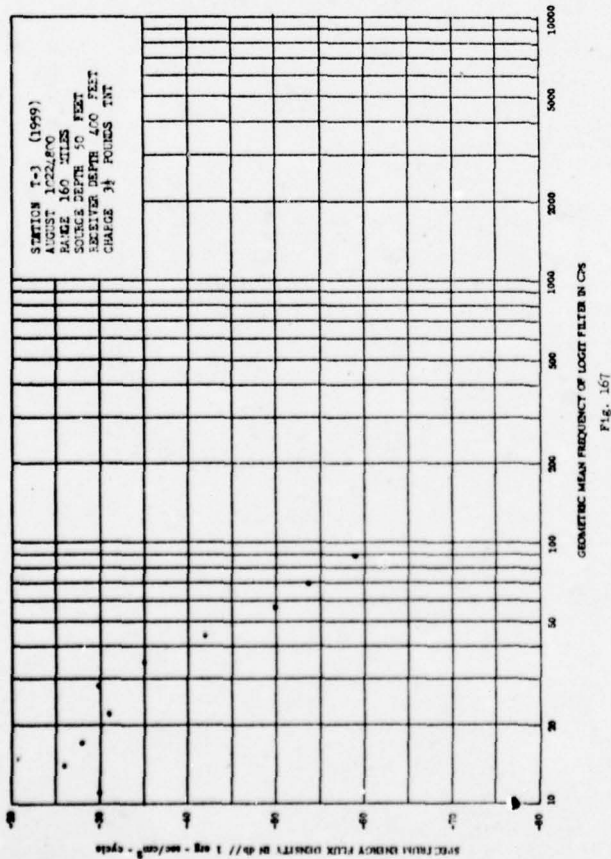
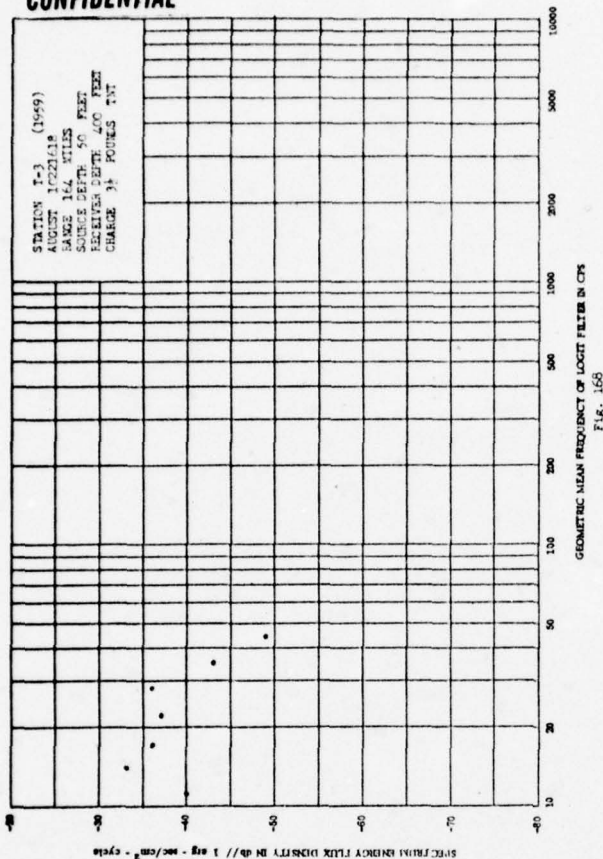


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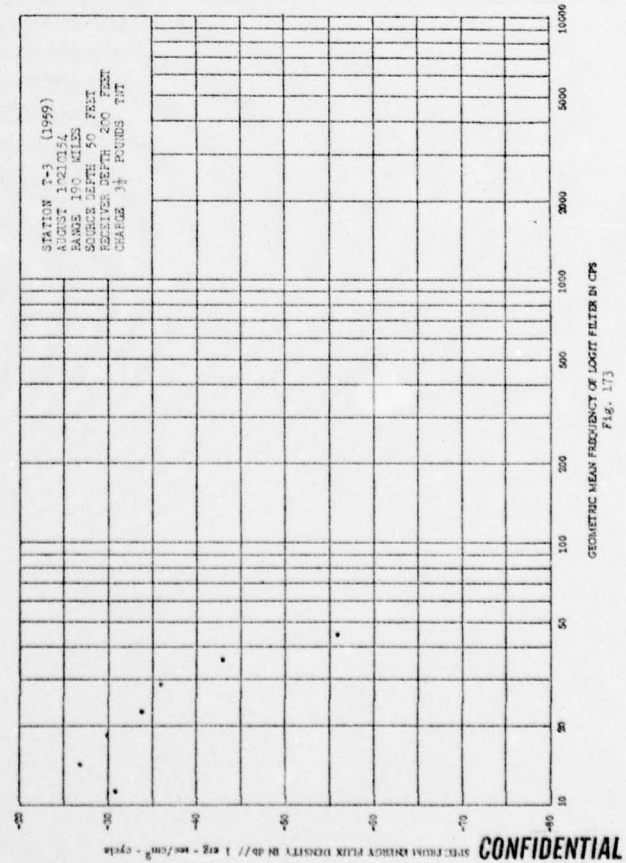
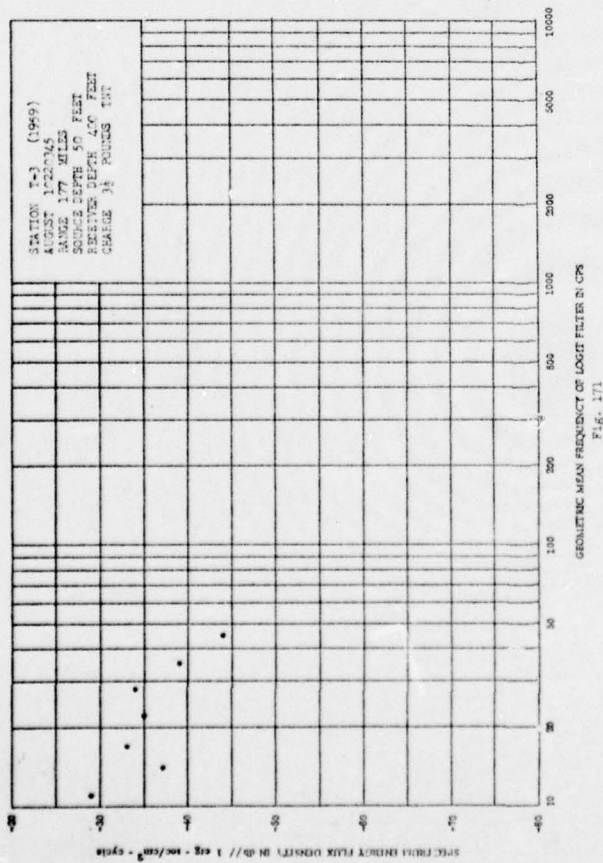
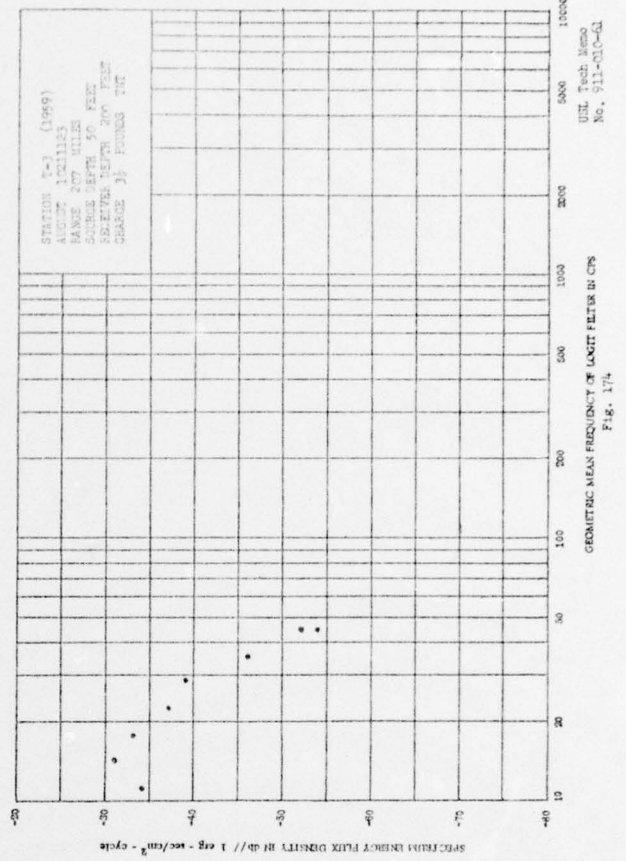
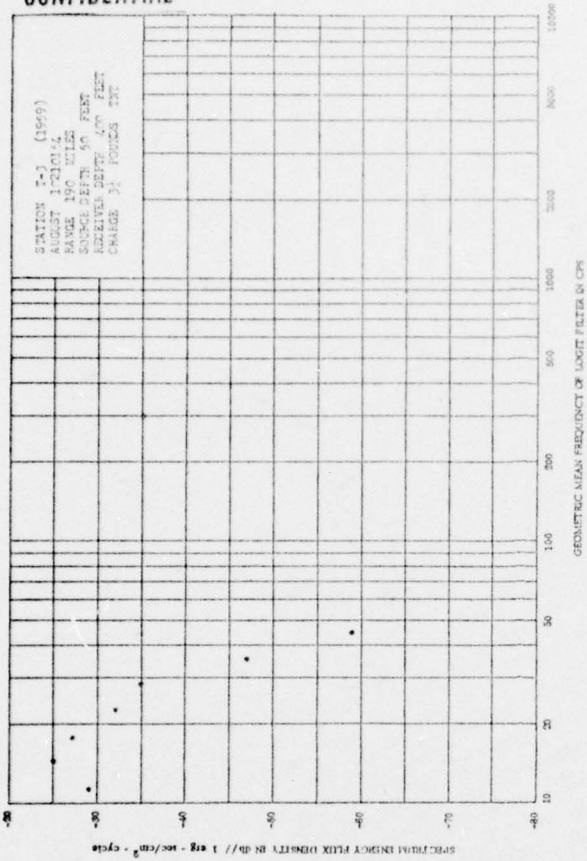
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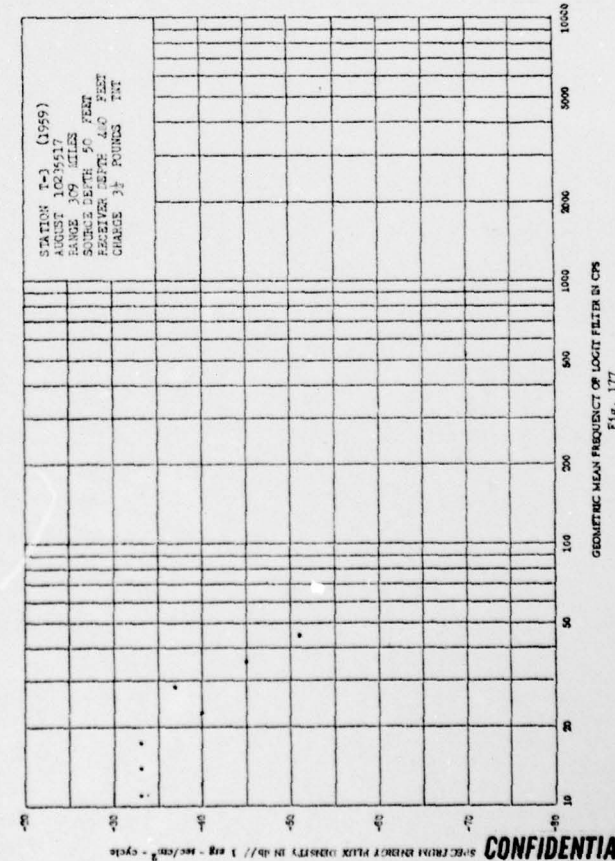
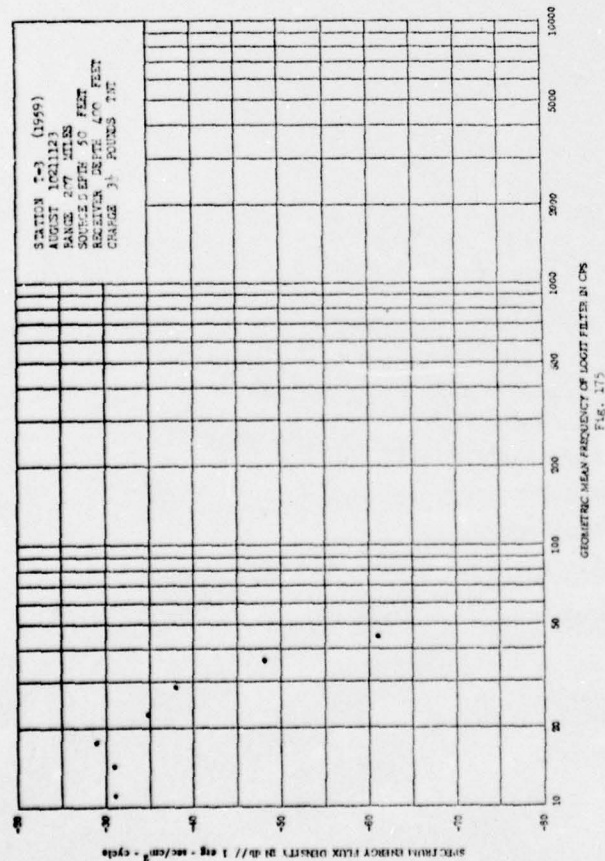
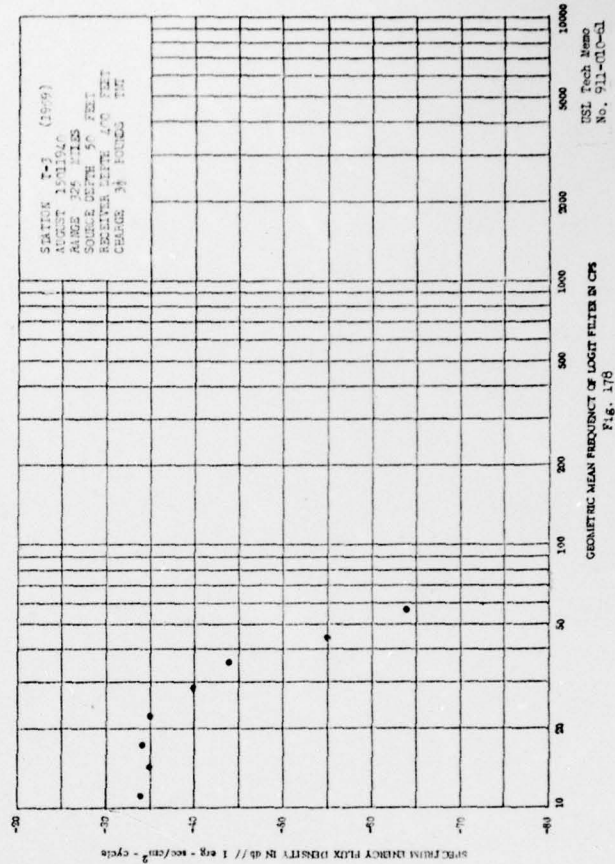
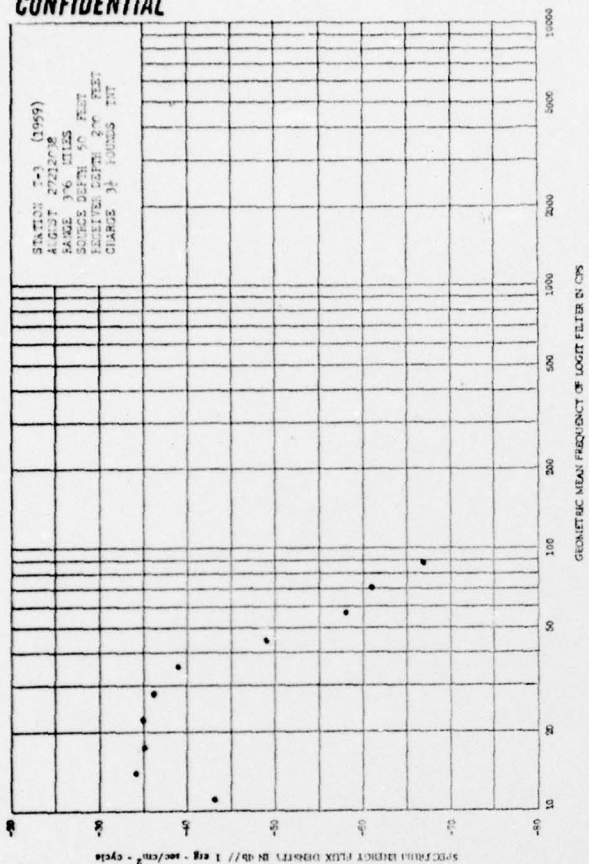
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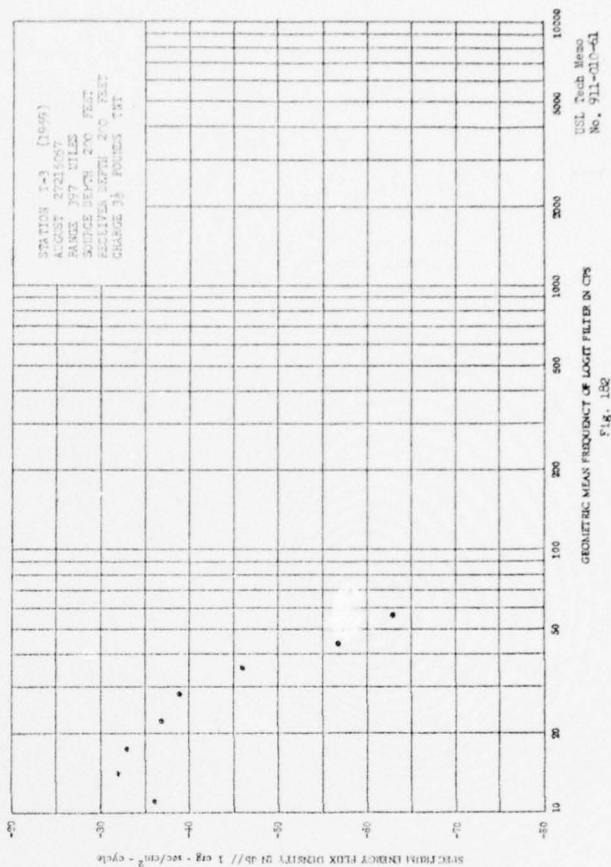
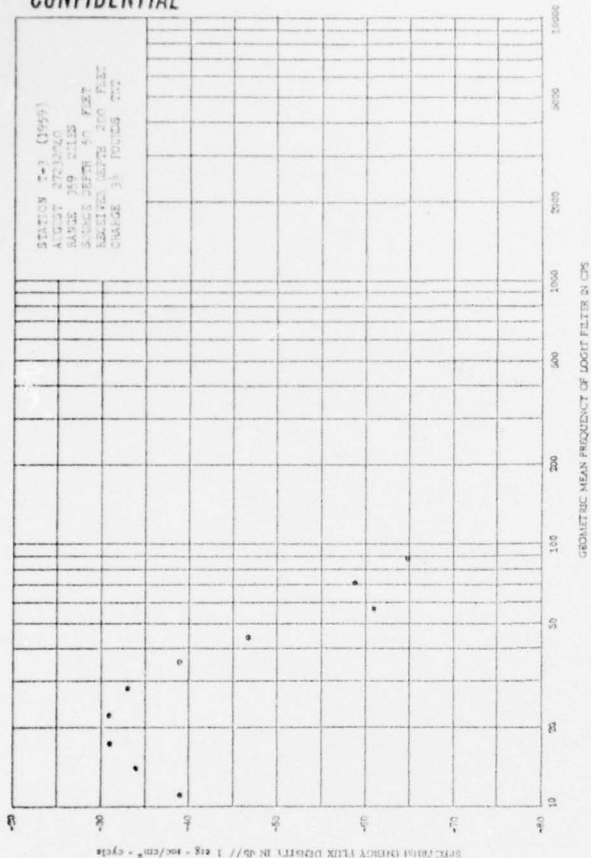
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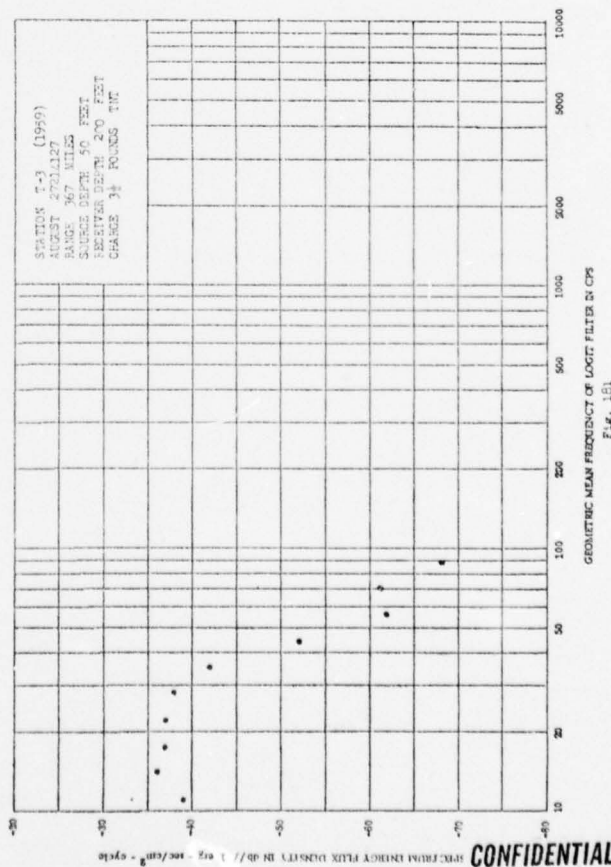
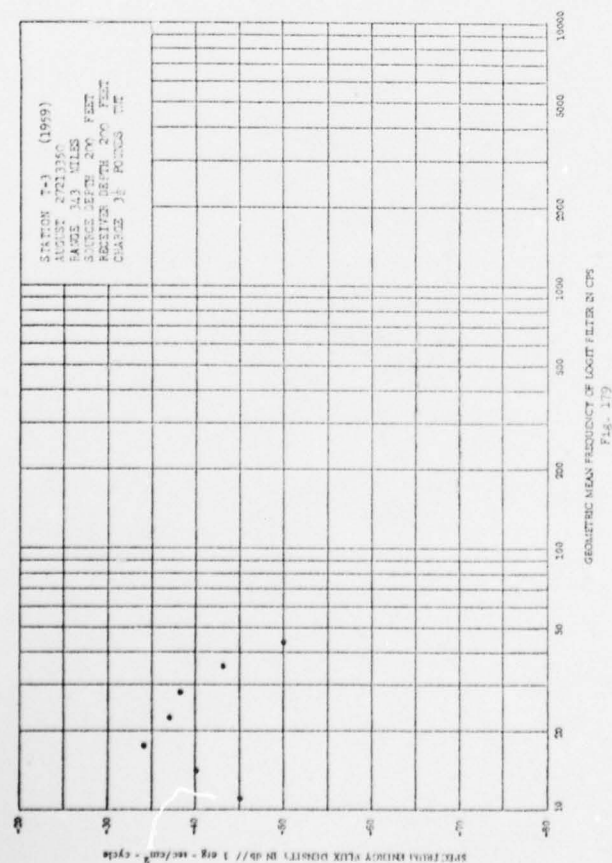


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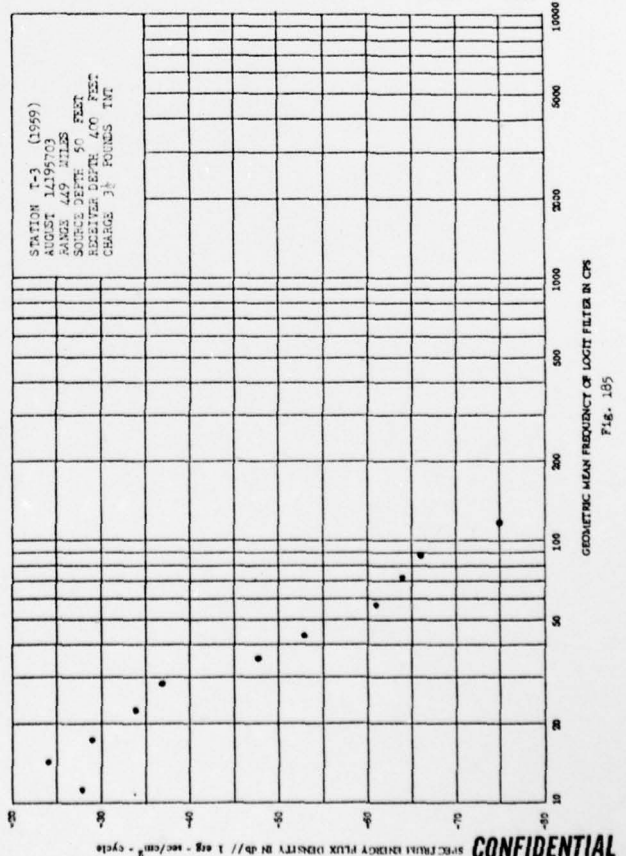
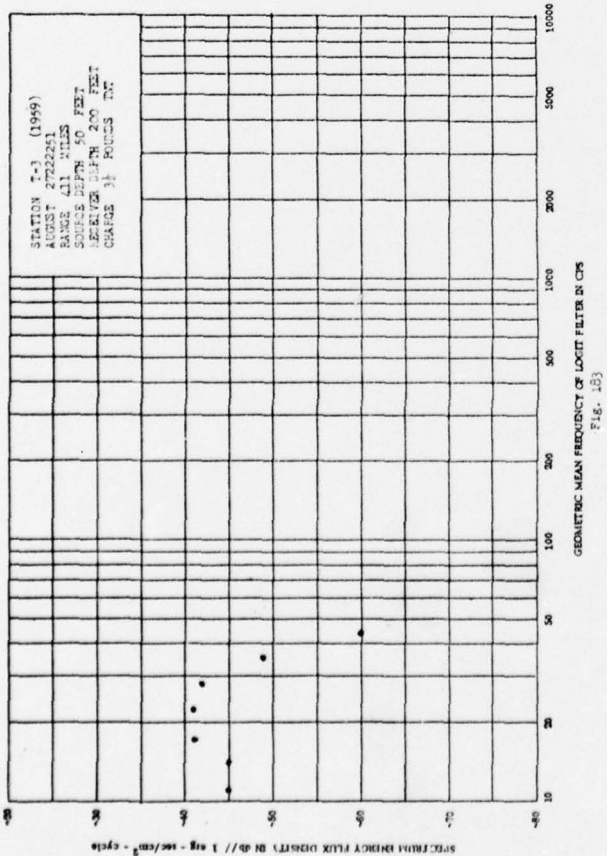
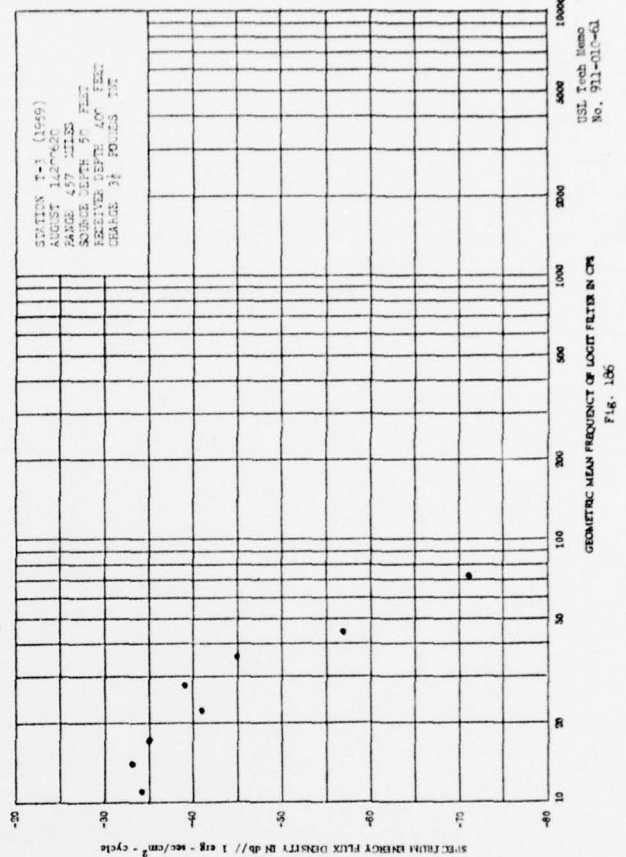
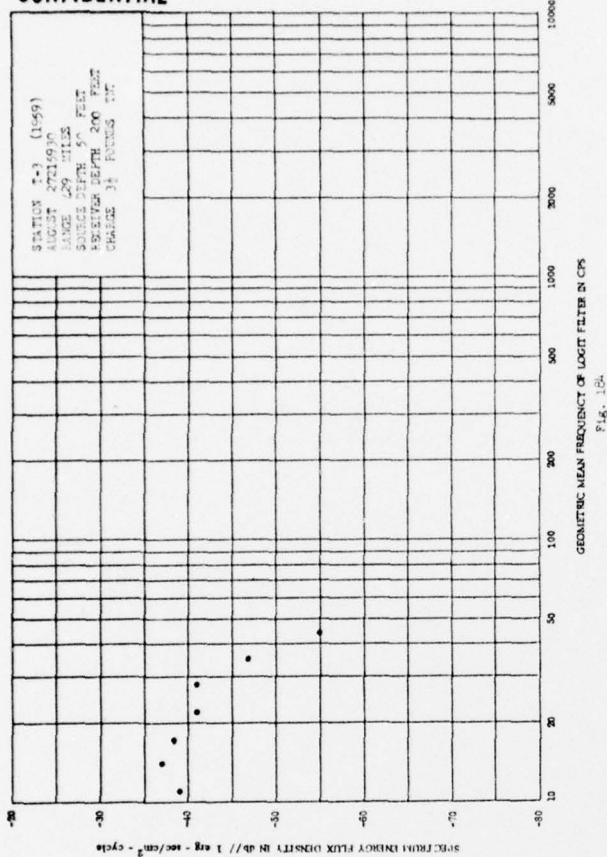


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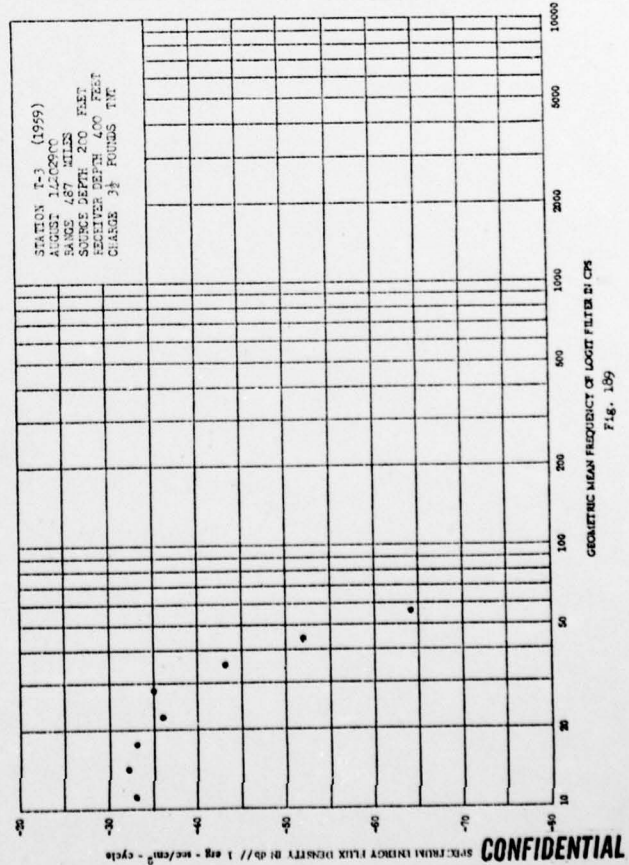
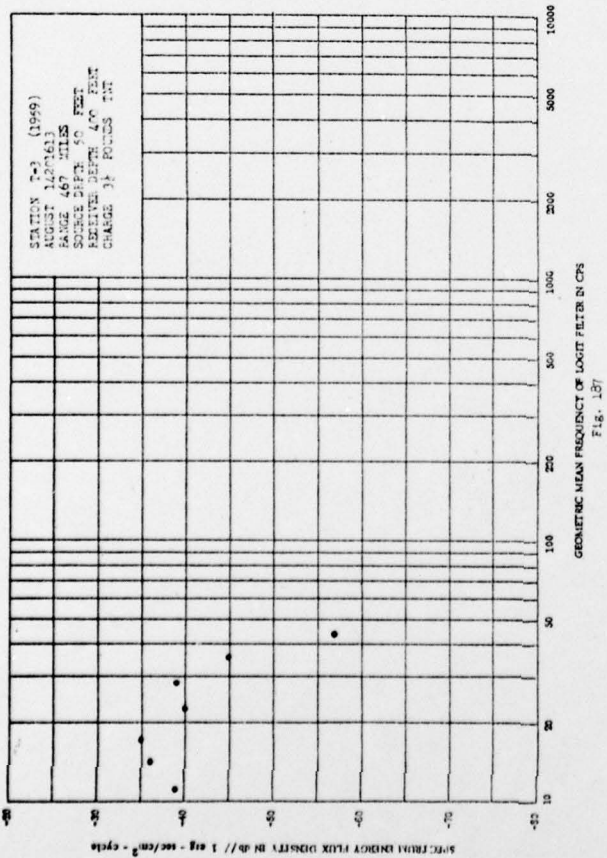
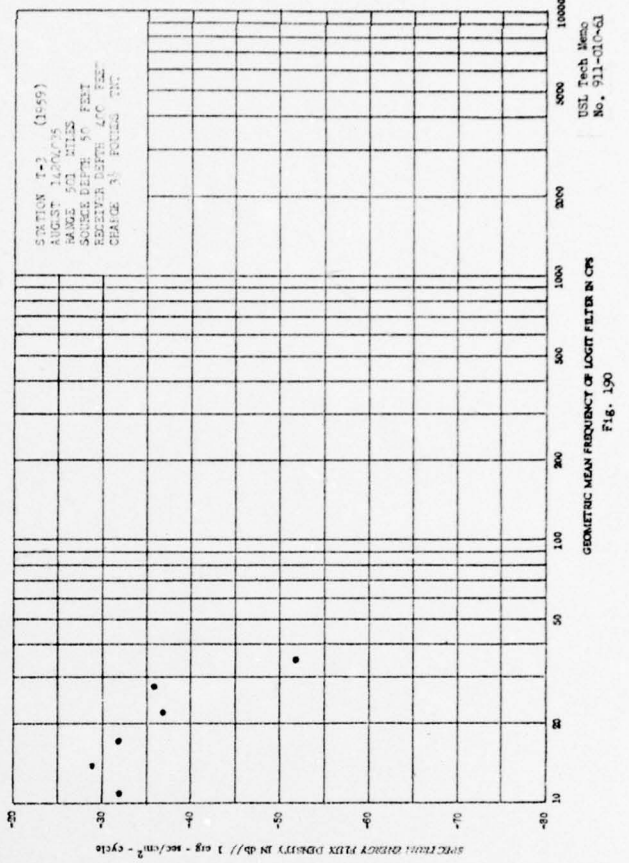
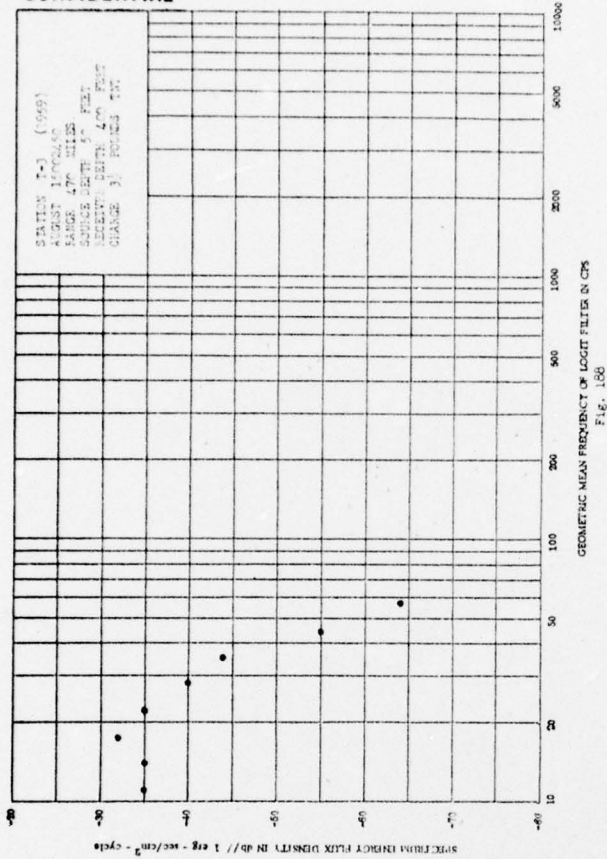
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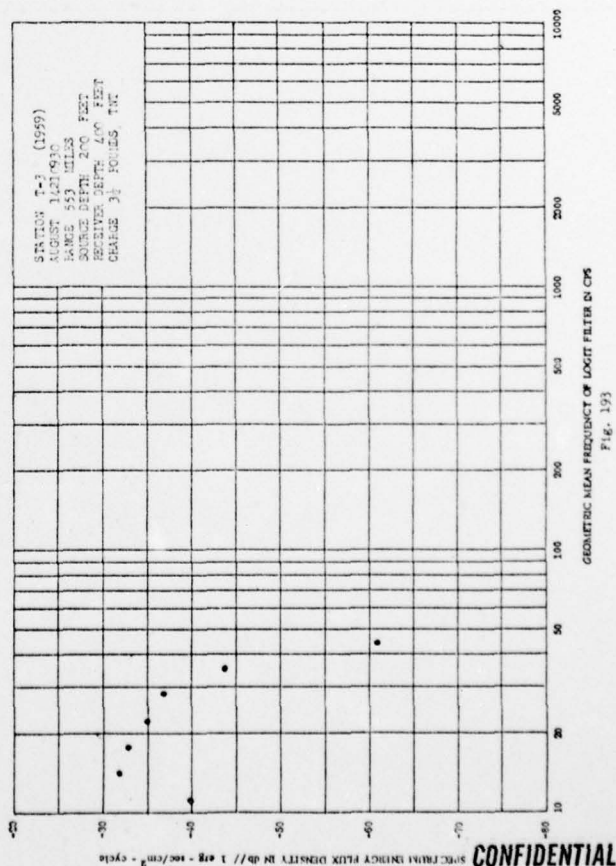
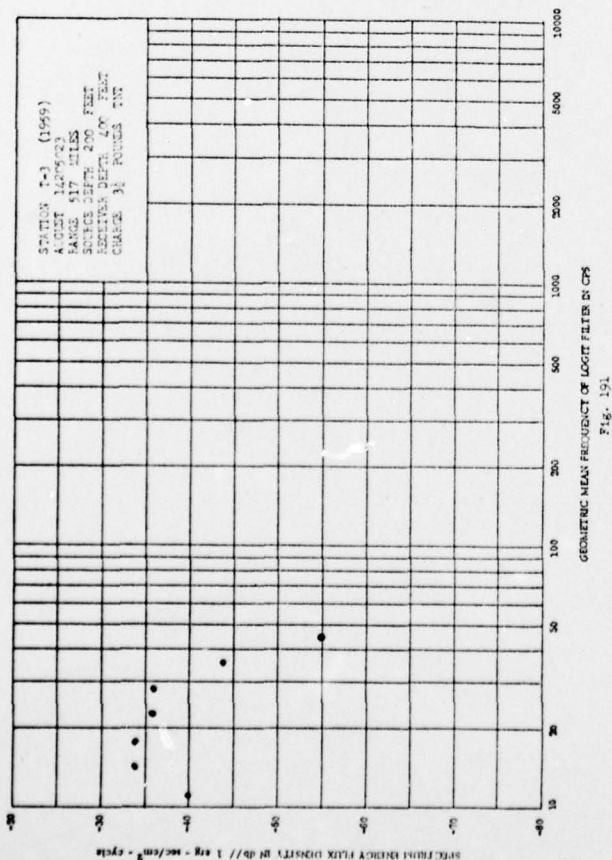
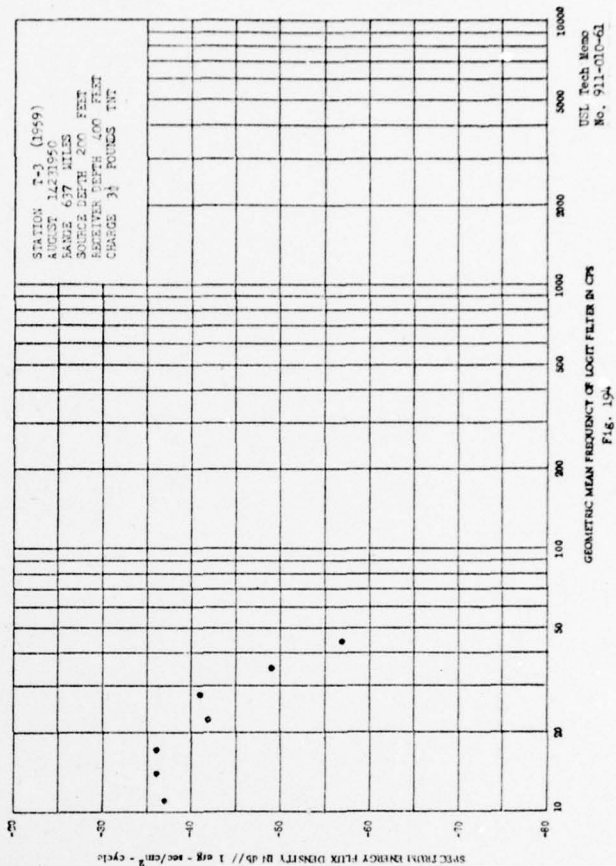
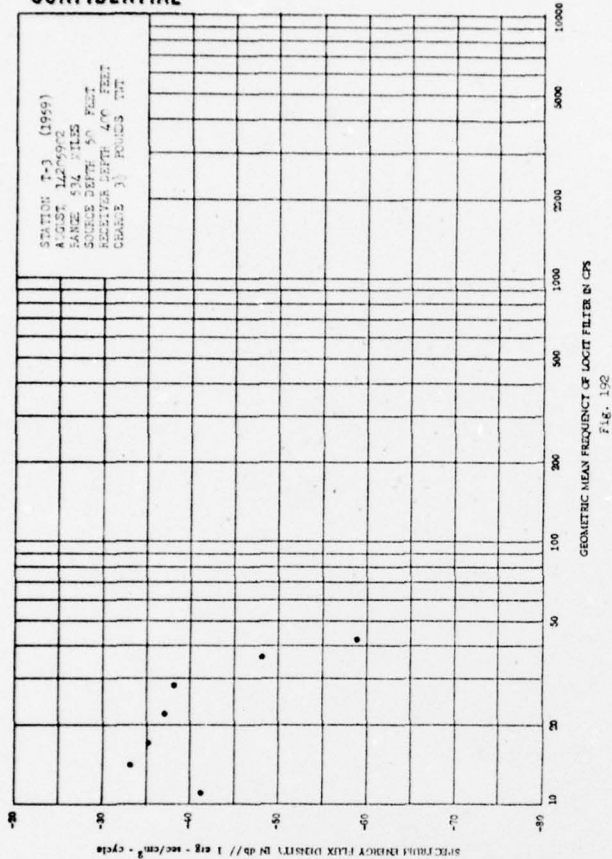
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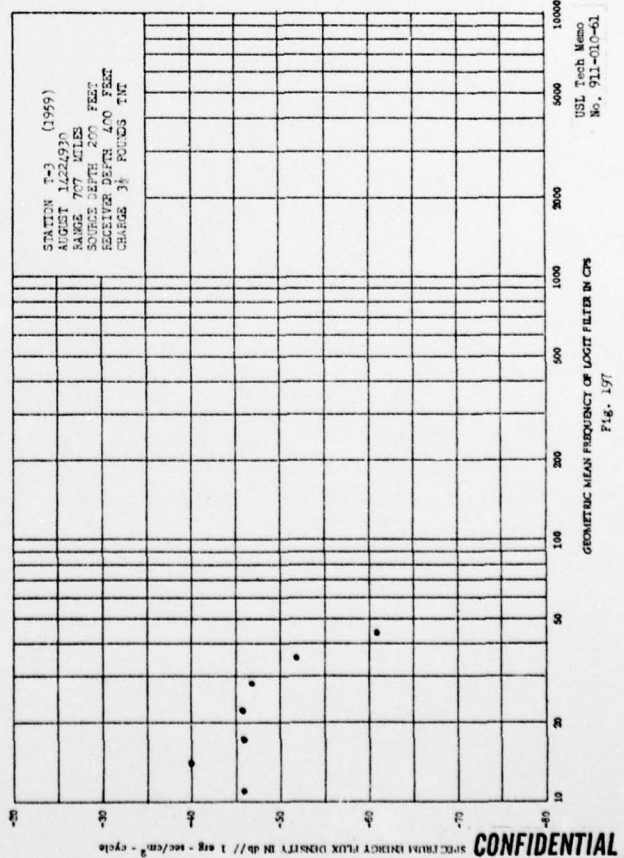
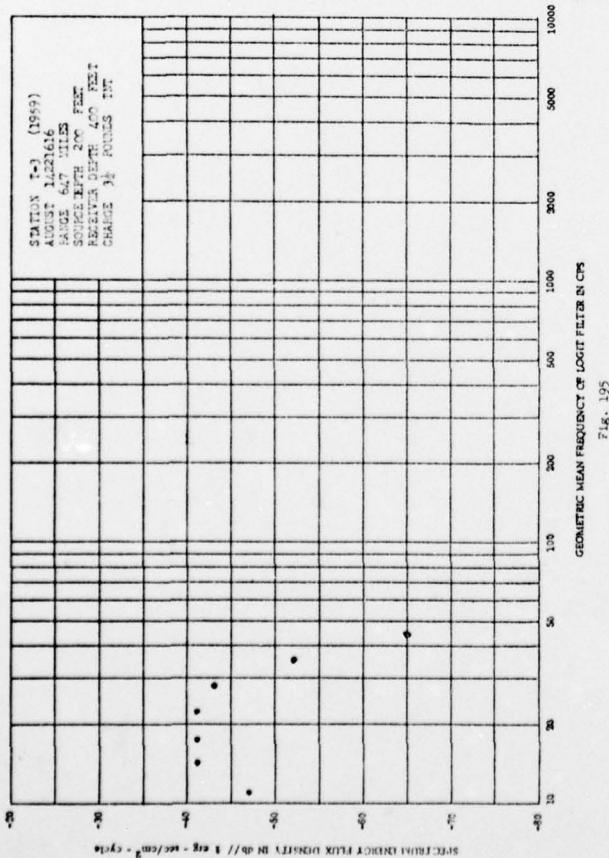
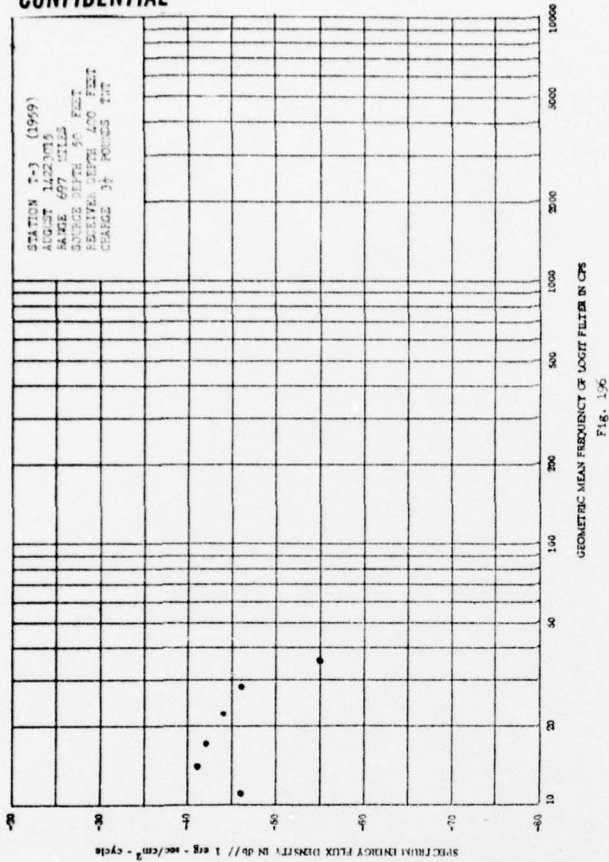
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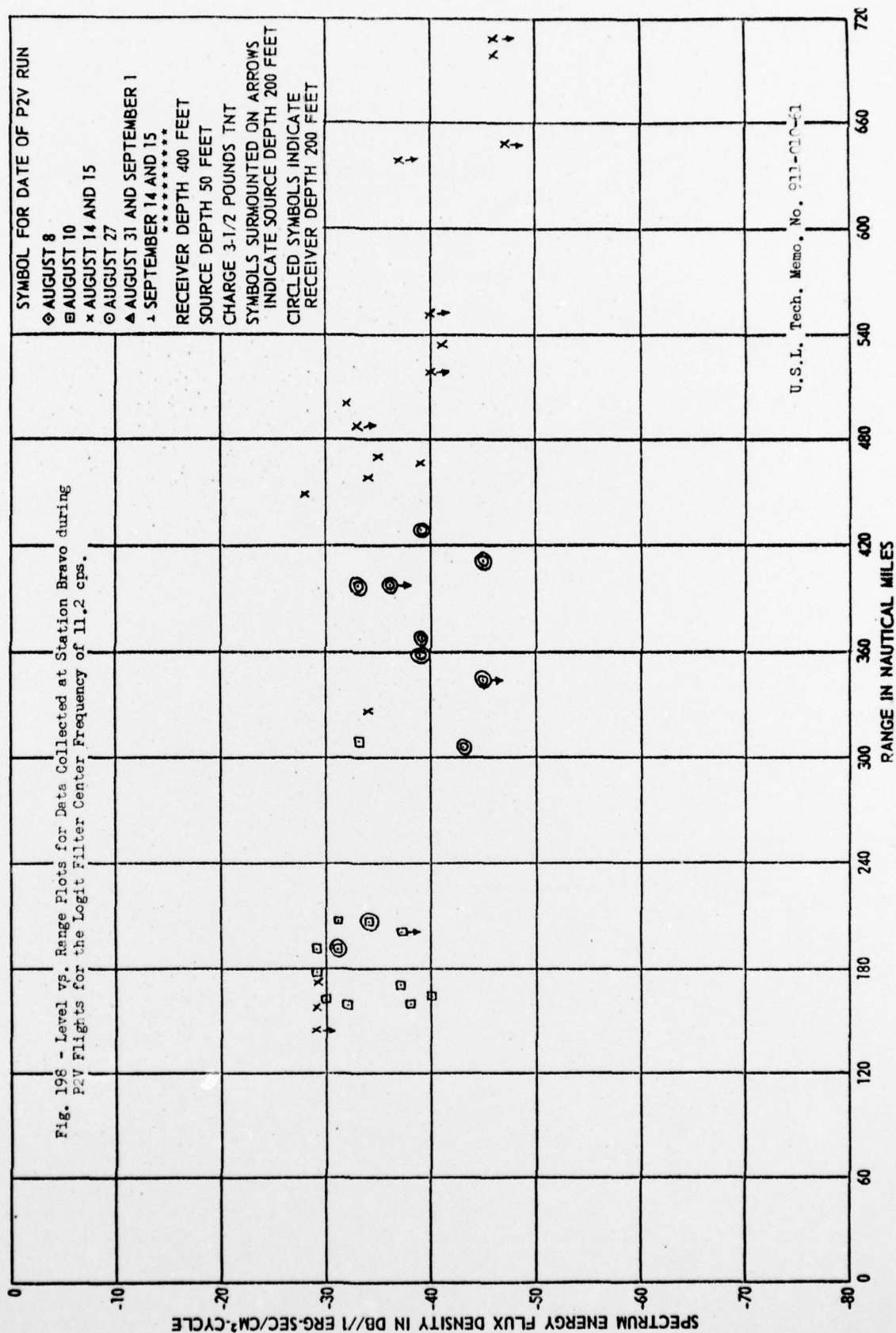
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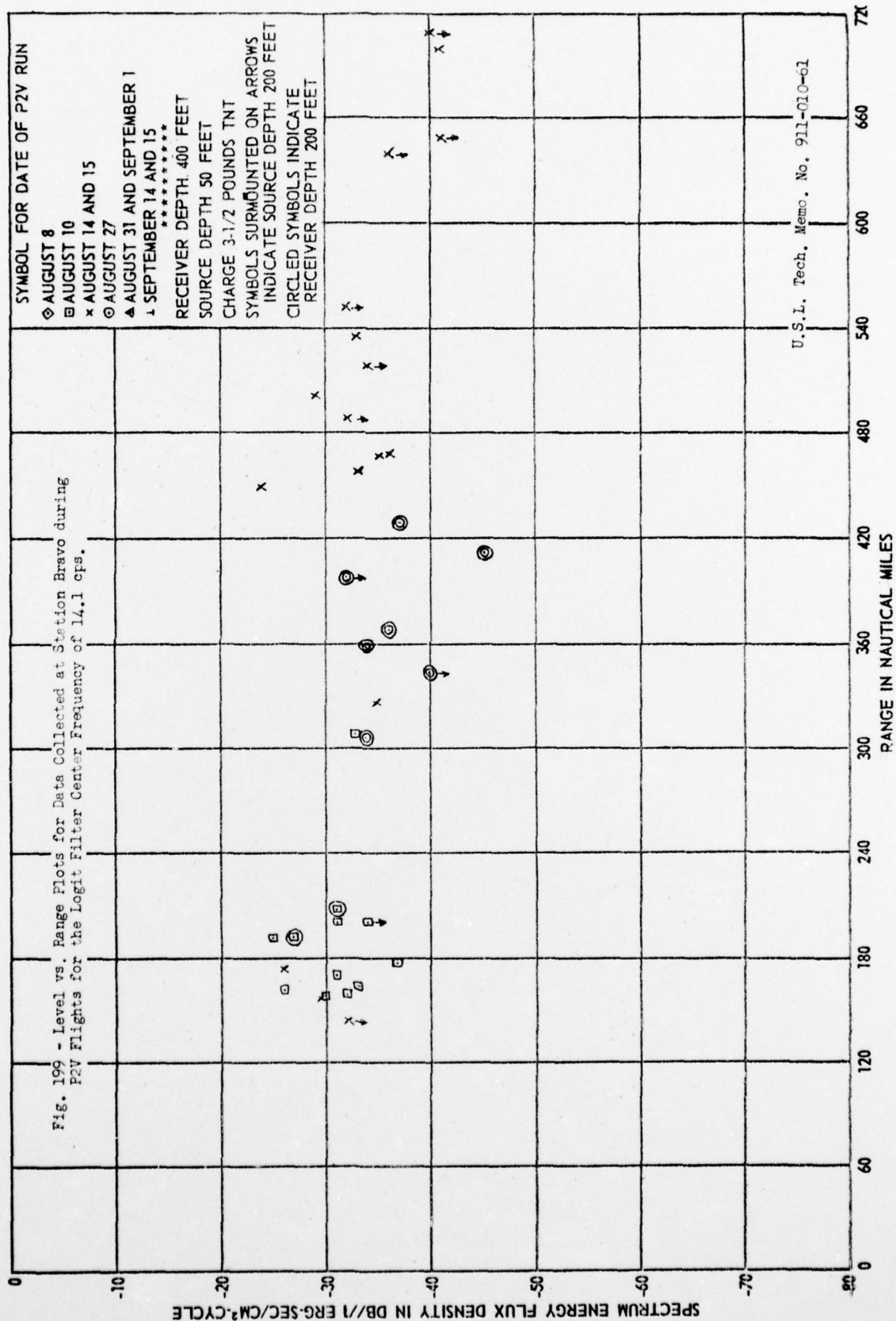
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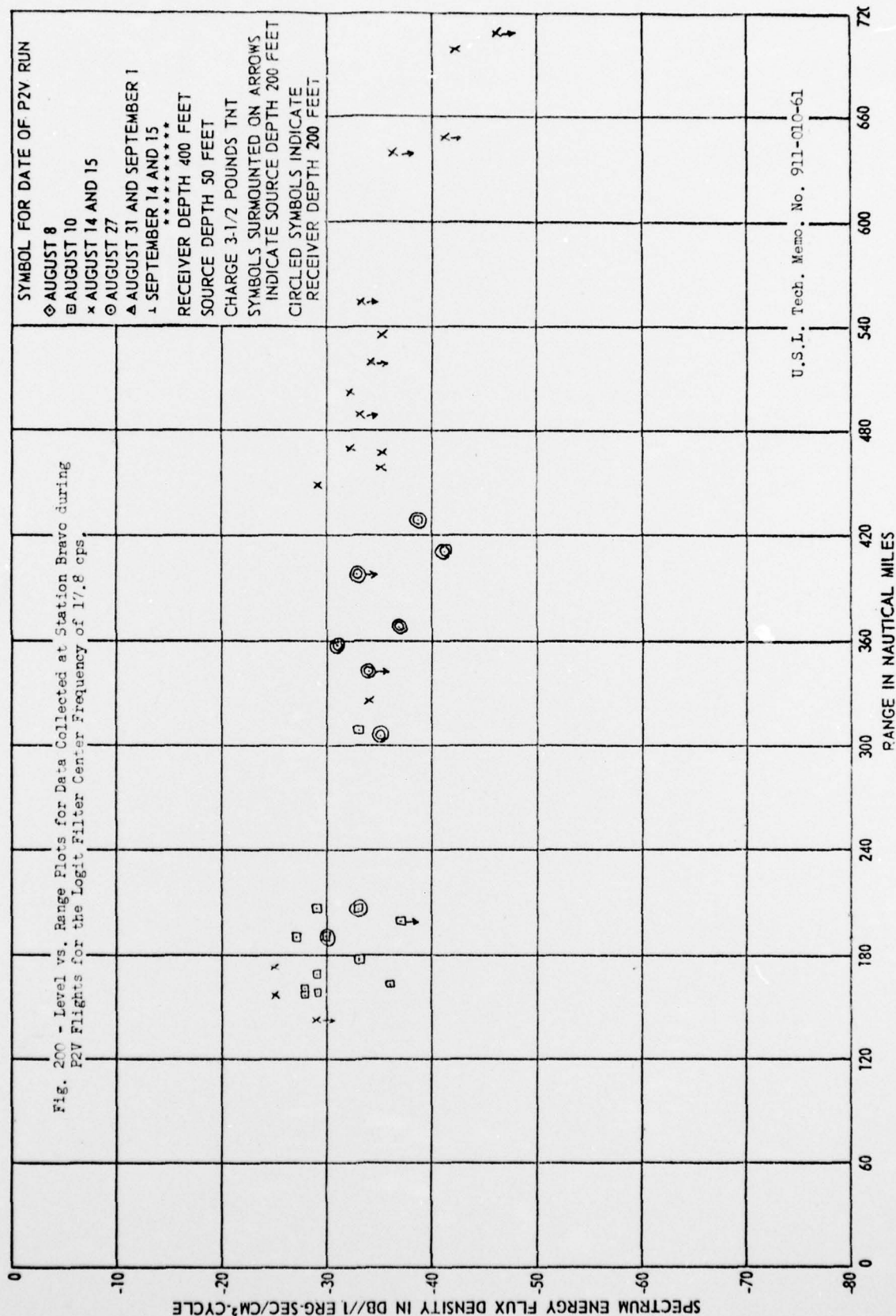
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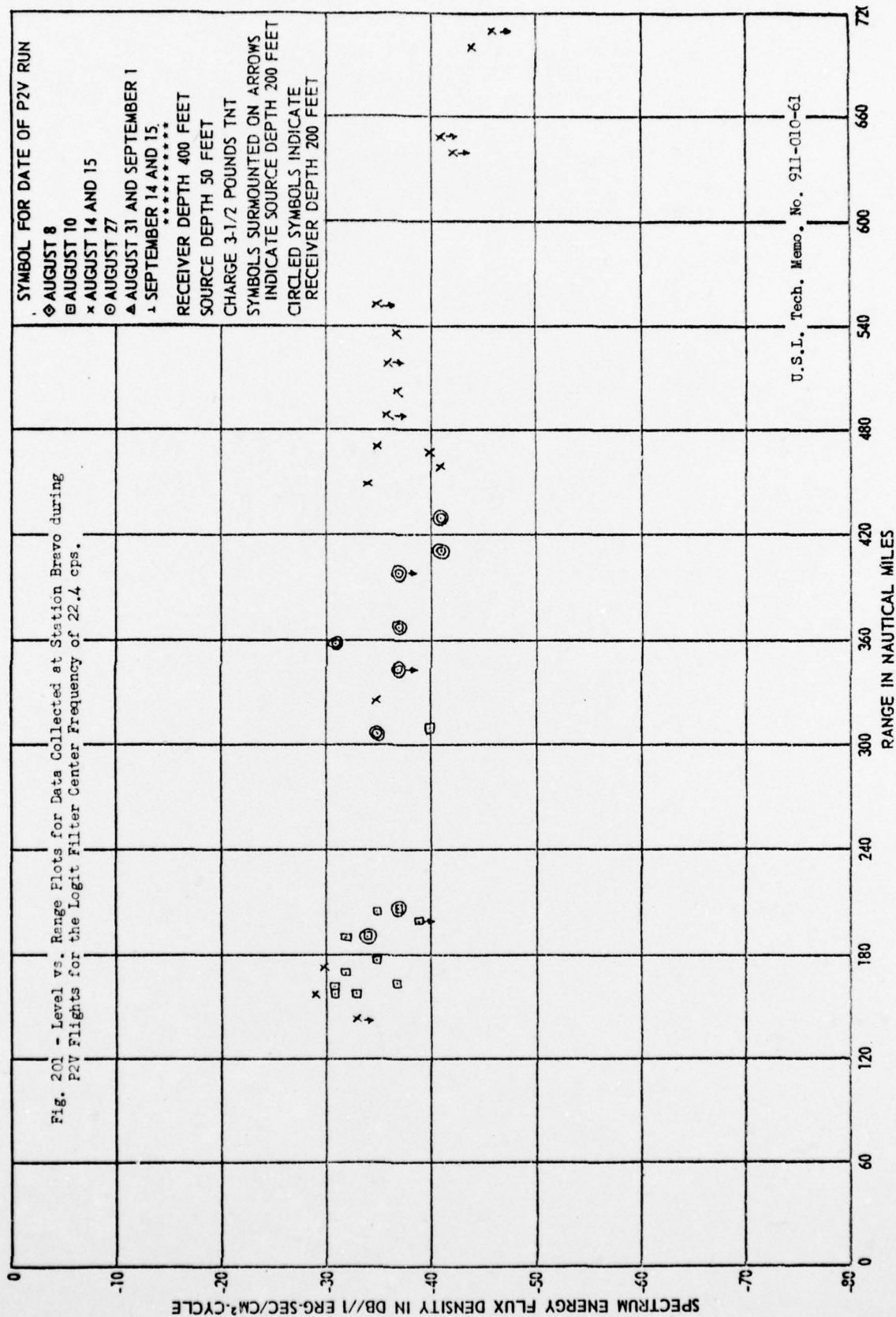
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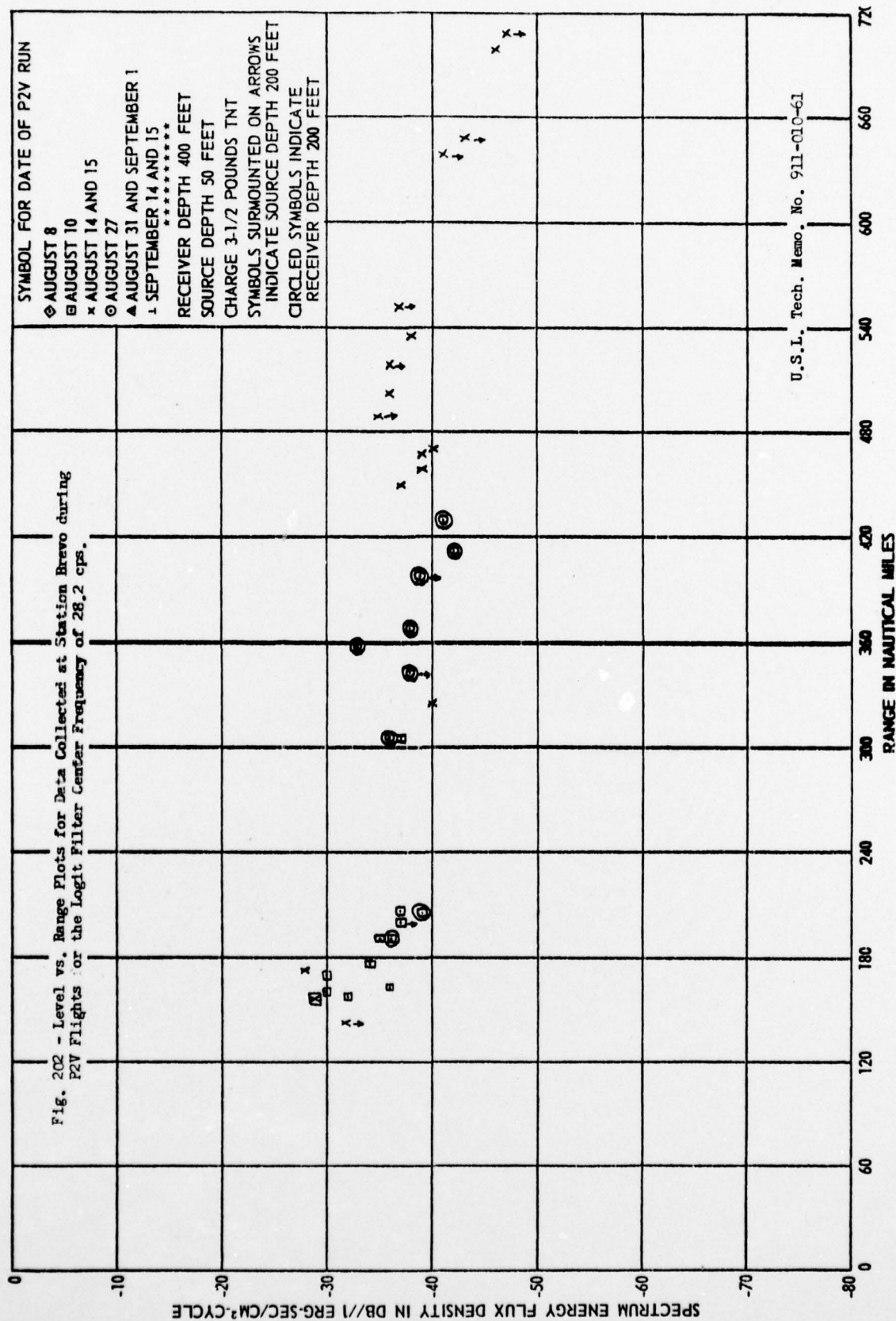
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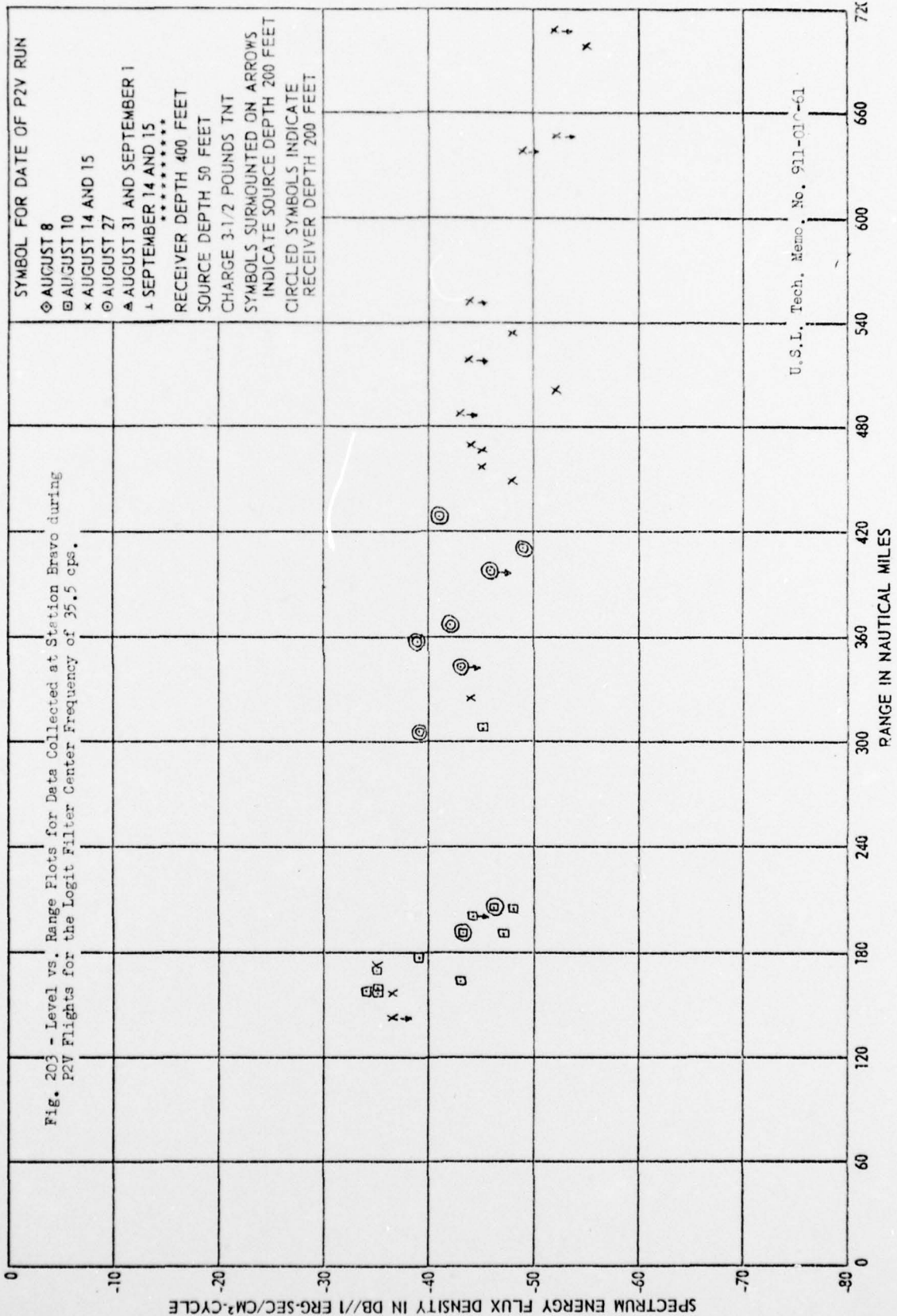
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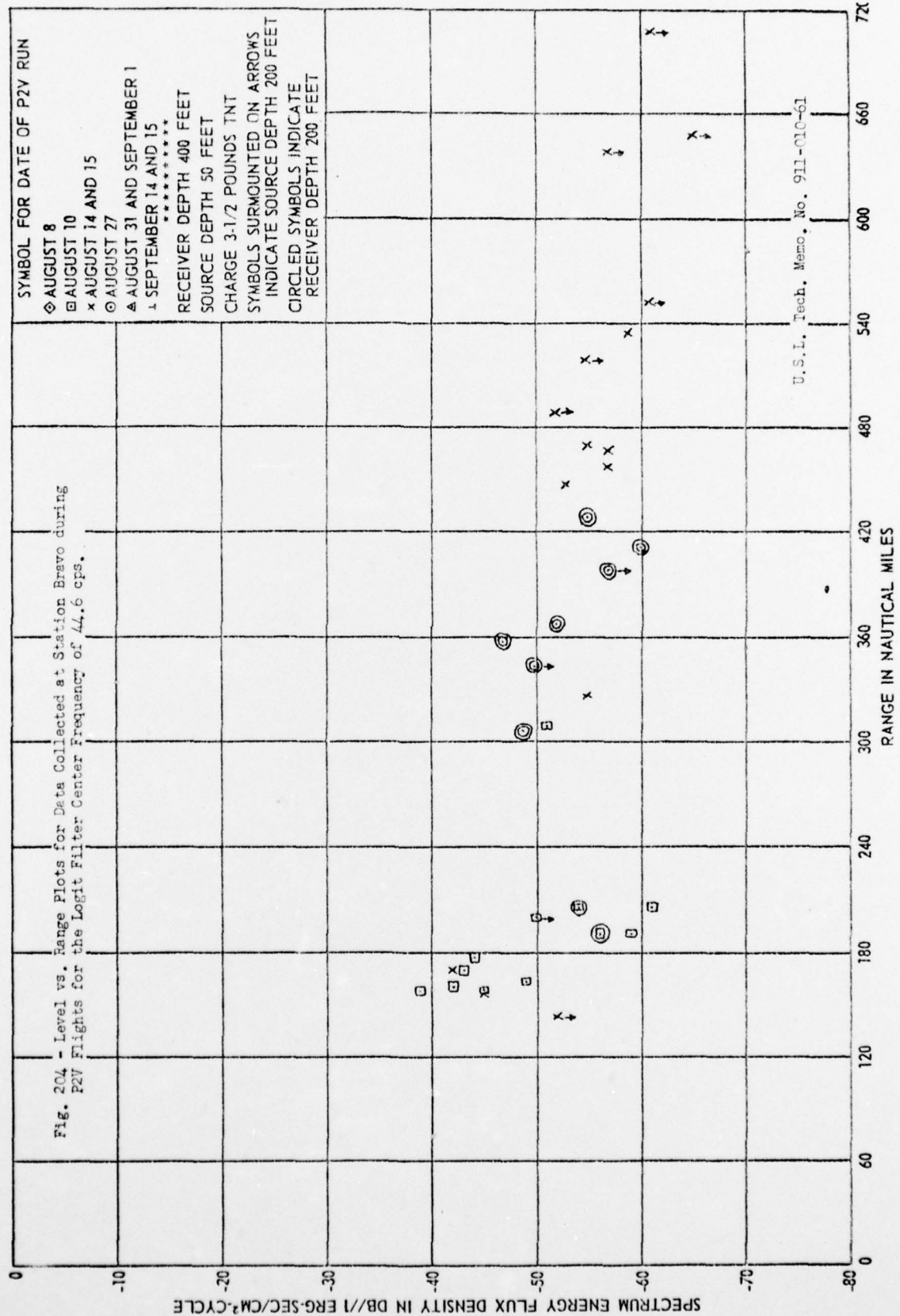
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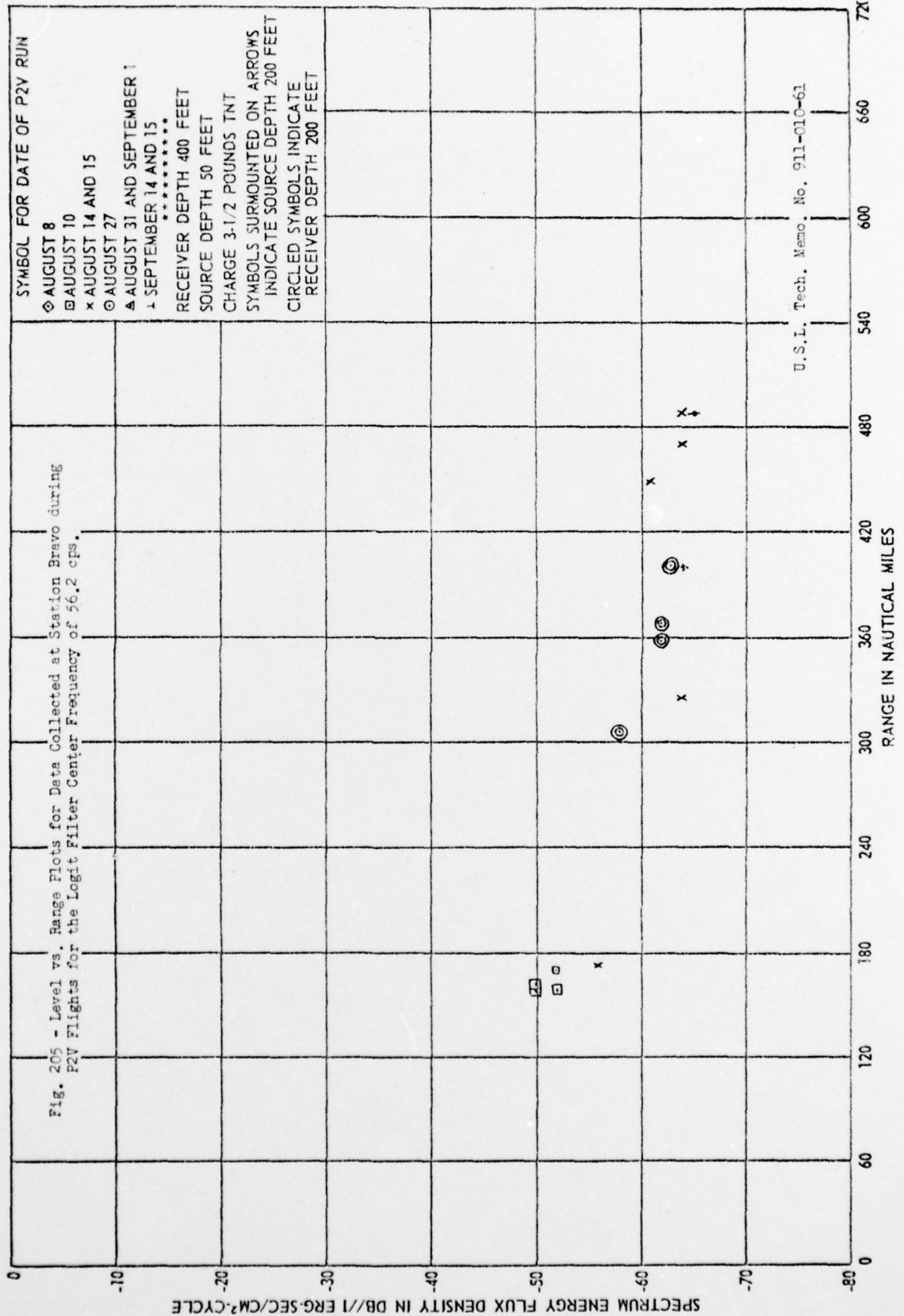
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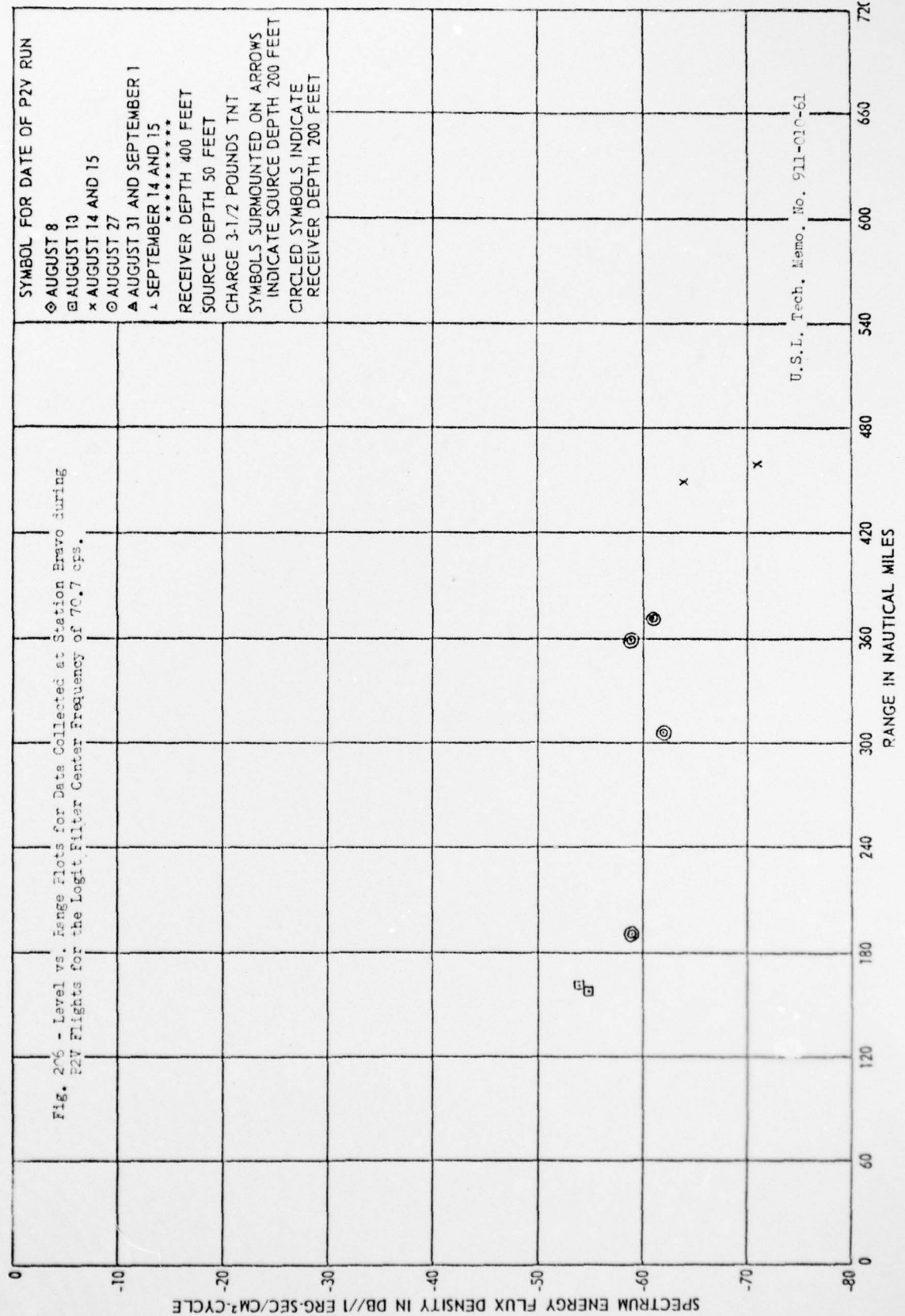
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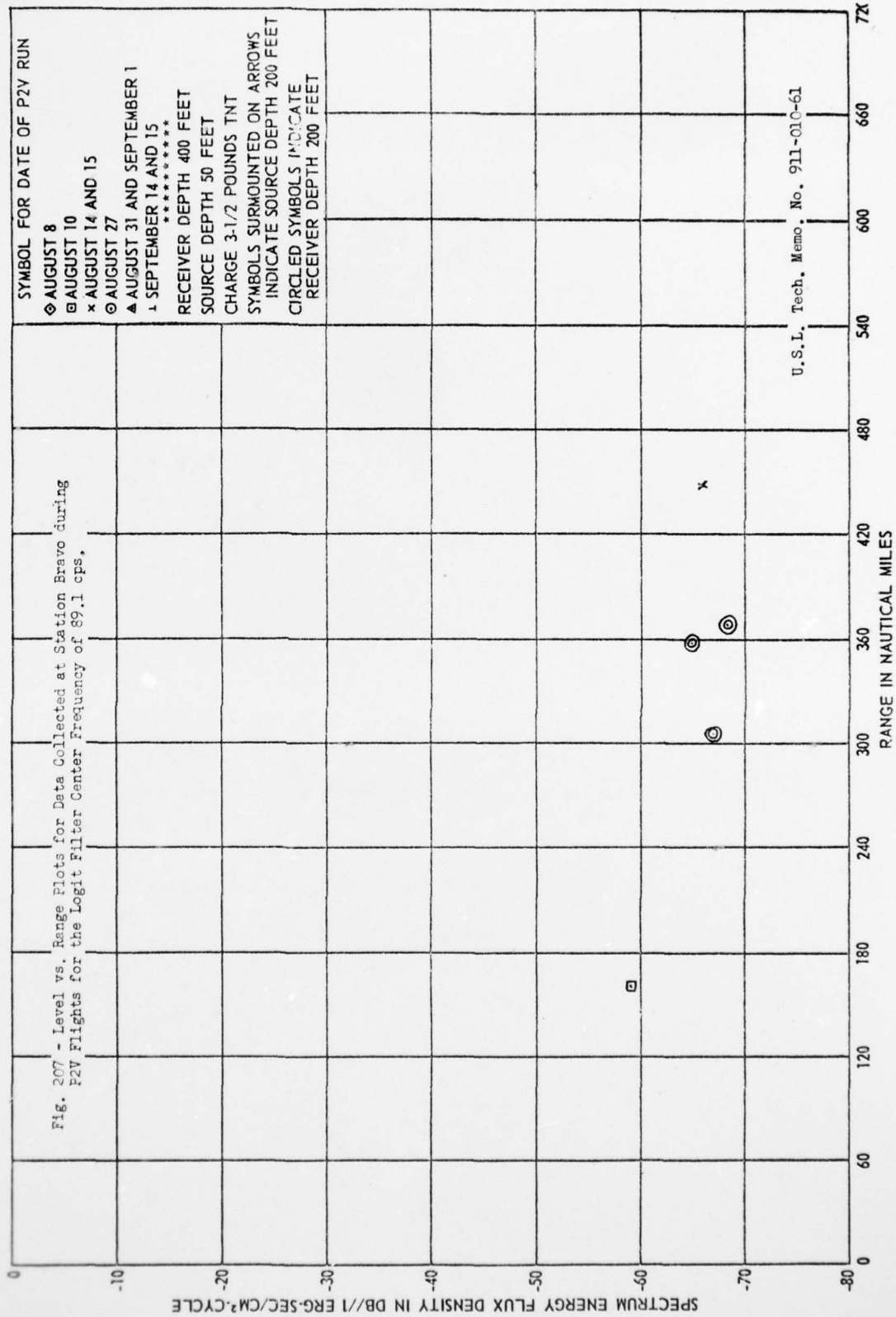
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